

The School Board of
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Gifted Identification
Procedures for Parents
2011-2012 School Year

Students may be referred by their parents or school staff for a gifted screening. Parents can request a gifted screening by contacting the ESE Liaison at their child's district or charter school. Parents of a child enrolled in a private school should contact the ESE Liaison at the child's district school.

If your child scores 130 on the gifted screening, then the following items are collected by your district or charter school to determine your child's eligibility for the gifted program.

- Proof of residency in Sarasota County
- Licensed psychologist's evaluation reporting IQ and academic achievement test scores, if interested in Pine View or full-time Gifted Cluster Sites
- Gifted characteristics rating scales
- Report card grades, spanning one year

1. Proof of Residency in Sarasota County:
Examples: recent utility bill, lease agreement
2. Evaluation Report:
By licensed psychologist or school psychologist that includes both individual IQ and academic achievement testing.

IQ Test

- Wechsler Intelligence Scale for Children, Fourth Edition (WISC-IV) or
- Stanford-Binet Intelligence Scale-Fifth Edition (SB5)
- Or other acceptable IQ measures

The minimum required IQ score is:
Full-Scale Score of 130
(Some partial scores of 130 may be considered with acceptable written justification from the examiner.)

NOTE: No further testing is needed if the student does not meet 130 IQ requirement.

Academic Achievement Test

Woodcock-Johnson III or Wechsler Individual Achievement Test-III
(Required for consideration for Pine View or Gifted Cluster Sites)

If your child meets the minimum Full-Scale IQ score of 130, administration of either academic achievement test is required.

Woodcock-Johnson III:
Tests of Achievement
(Form A or B; Normative update required effective January 2008)

The evaluation must report standard scores (age based) for:

- Reading Comprehension Composite
- Broad Math

-OR-

Wechsler Individual Achievement Test-III

The evaluation must report standard scores (age based) for:

- Reading Comprehension and Fluency Composite
- Math Composite

Note: Psychoeducational evaluations by psychologists in private practice are the financial responsibility of the parents. All evaluations from psychologists in private practice are subject to review and verification by Sarasota County School Board staff prior to gifted eligibility determination.

3. Gifted Characteristics Scales
Renzulli's Scales for Rating the Behavioral Characteristics of Superior Students (revised 1997) are completed by at least one of the student's current academic teachers. Areas rated are learning, creativity, motivation and leadership. The student must display a majority of characteristics to be considered for a gifted program. These forms are provided by your child's district school.

4. Report Card Grades
Grades are required for reading and math. Submit report cards that cover the most recent grading periods that span one year.

GIFTED ELIGIBILITY DETERMINATION

Gifted eligibility encompasses the following three requirements:

1. A full-scale IQ of 130 and
2. A majority of characteristics on a gifted rating scale and
3. A need for gifted services

A student who meets all three requirements is eligible for the gifted program at his or her district school.

ELIGIBILITY FOR PINE VIEW AND GIFTED CLUSTER PROGRAMS

Eligibility determination for Pine View and Gifted Cluster Programs requires additional academic achievement testing.

If the student qualifies for gifted, according to the previous criteria, then achievement scores and report card grades are entered on the full-time eligibility form to determine if the student meets criteria for Pine View or a Gifted Cluster Site.

All files are processed by the Exceptional Student Education (ESE) Liaison at your child's district or charter school. Private school parents please note: Only complete files with proof of residency that are submitted to your district school by deadline date, April 27, 2012, will be accepted for eligibility determination.

DEADLINE DATES THAT MUST BE FOLLOWED

1. For consideration to Pine View you must adhere to the April 27, 2012, deadline (No Exceptions).
2. For consideration to Gifted Cluster Sites, the deadline is extended to Thursday, August 18, 2012.

NOTE: If a reevaluation of a student's academic achievement is conducted within 12 months of the previous achievement testing, then both academic areas (reading and math) must be reevaluated in order to obtain a current assessment of the student's academic profile.

To avoid a test/retest policy violation, an alternative academic achievement test must be administered.

The most current reading and math scores will be used in determining full-time gifted program eligibility.

DEADLINE DATES

Friday, February 3, 2012

Last date to request a gifted screening from your child's district or charter school. Contact the ESE Liaison.

Friday, April 27, 2012

Last date to submit a private psychological evaluation, report card or rating scale to the ESE Liaison at your child's district or charter school.

Thursday, August 18, 2012

Last date for consideration to Gifted Cluster Sites.