

Gifted Information from the **Coosa County School District Code of Conduct** for the 2023-2024 school year.

GIFTED AND TALENTED STUDENTS

The Alabama Administrative Code defines gifted as: "Intellectually gifted children and youth are those who perform or who have demonstrated the potential to perform at high levels in academic or creative fields when compared with others of their age, experience, or environment." These children and youth possessing these abilities can be found in all populations, across all economic strata, and in all areas of human endeavor. The Coosa County LEA Plan for the Gifted is available on the district web site.

WHO CAN REFER?

Teachers, counselors, administrators, parents or guardians, peers, self or any other individuals with knowledge of the student's abilities may refer a student. Additionally, all second grade students will be observed as potential gifted referrals during the annual second grade child find.

REFERRAL PROCESS

Parental consent is required prior to proceeding with screening and/or evaluation. Once consent is received, a screening team reviews the available information in the areas of intelligence or creativity, gifted characteristics and performance. The team determines if there is enough compelling evidence to proceed with an evaluation.

The state of Alabama uses a matrix (this utilizes multiple criteria on the referred child) to determine eligibility for gifted services. Students who achieve the minimum required score on the matrix are considered eligible for gifted services. A Gifted Education Plan (GEP) is developed for these students. Written parental permission is required before services begin. Students referred for the Gifted Program are required to be six years of age and are required to be enrolled in a public school system.

For more information or to request a referral, contact the school counselor.

SERVICE DELIVERY

Coosa County Schools provides services according to the recommendations set forth by the ALSDE. Students in grades 3-5 are served by a pull-out program. Students receive three hours of services per week. In grades 6-12 students are served through advanced curriculum and dual enrollment in the local community college.

Services are only provided to students enrolled in the Coosa County School System.

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