

REFERRAL AND IDENTIFICATION OF GIFTED SERVICES

The student identification processes are separated into six stages for each of the four different eligibility categories: intellectually, artistically, and creatively gifted for students in grades 2-12, and academically gifted for students in grades 9-12. The six stages are: referral, LSC review of referral data, parental permission for testing, assessment, assessment report, and the LSC eligibility determination stage.

References/ Resources

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Mississippi Department of Education . (2013). *Regulations for Gifted Education Programs 2013*. Jackson: Mississippi Department of Education .

Questions About The Blue Devil's Gifted Education Program

1. How do I know if my child is gifted? Students with a strong passion for education and have shown high scholastic achievement and strong commitment to enhancing their learning are students that are typically identified for first referral of the gifted process.
2. What type of services will the gifted program provide for my child? Gifted students will get the opportunity to engage in multiple learning activities that challenge and push them to think on topics beyond general education courses. Activities can range from short group activities to long range independent projects.

For parents with more questions on the Blue Devil's Gifted Education Program contact the following:

- District Superintendent: Dr. Mario Willis
- T. R. Sander Elementary Principal: Mrs. Charlotte Hawkins
- Simmons Middle/High School Principal: Mr. Samuel Matthews
- Gifted Course Instructor(s): Mrs. Shelia Gray-Daniels



Blue Devils' Gifted Education Program

Core Values

- We believe in family and community relationships that build the value of education.
- We believe we are moving student achievement toward academic excellence.
- We believe in a culture of high expectations for equality, integrity, honesty, and respect.
- We believe in student-centered classrooms

Blue Devil's "Gifted" Services

At Hollandale School District Gifted is focused on students in grades 2nd – 6th and 9th – 12th.

In grades 2nd – 6th students are in a self-contained room for a recommended 300 minutes per week, or a minimum of 240 minutes per week.

- INTELLECTUALLY GIFTED PULL-OUT (GRADES 2-8)

In grades 9th -12th students are a part of Advance Placement courses and Dual Enrollment through and online program with Mississippi Delta Community College.

- ACADEMICALLY GIFTED (GRADES 9-12 ONLY)
- DUAL ENROLLMENT - High School students may attend regular classes part of the day and attend one or more classes at a higher grade level within the district, at an Institution of Higher Learning (IHL), or a Community or Junior College (CJC) for a part of the day. The classes should be in an academic area identified as a strength during the eligibility process and an academic area of intense personal interest for the student.

THE MAKING OF A "GIFTED" BLUE DEVIL

The "Gifted" Blue Devil is one that is held to a higher standard not because he or she is labeled gifted but because they have exceeded the challenge to carry the torch of higher education by maintaining high scholastic scores in general education classes, while achieving greatness in their additional courses that will help to foster a strong connection between the school, the community, and beyond.

"Intellectually gifted children" shall mean those children and youth who are found to have an exceptionally high degree of intelligence...

"Academically gifted children" shall mean those children and youth who are found to have an exceptionally high degree of demonstrated academic ability...

"Artistically gifted children" shall mean those children and youth who are found to have an exceptionally high degree of creativity and an exceptionally high degree of ability in the visual arts...

"Creatively gifted children" shall mean those children and youth who are found to have an exceptionally high degree of creativity and an exceptionally high degree of ability in the performing arts...

Blue Devil's Meaning of "Gifted"

The Blue Devil's Meaning of Gifted is fostering skills beyond those in the general education classroom, the possession of skills that are above the average student, and the natural ability of high intellectual, academic, artistic, and creative thinking.

"Gifted and talented children are those identified by professionally qualified persons who by virtue of outstanding abilities are capable of high performance. These are children who require differentiated educational programs and services beyond those normally provided by the regular school program in order to realize their contributions to self and society. Children capable of high performance include those with demonstrated achievement and/or potential ability in any of the following areas: (1) general intellectual aptitude, (2) specific academic aptitude, (3) creative or productive thinking, (4) leadership ability, (5) visual and performing arts. (p. 2)"