

Viola Gifted and Talented Program Identification Policies and Procedures

Referrals: A teacher, counselor, parent, student, or community member may refer a student to be tested for potential placement in Viola School District's Gifted & Talented Program. Students are eligible to be referred at any time after their third grade school year. Referral forms are available by contacting the GT Coordinator, Taylor Guffey, by email at taylorg@viola.ncsc.k12.ar.us or by phone in the high school office at (870) 458-2213. They also can be found on our GT page (Identification tab) on the school website.

Permission: After a referral form is submitted to the GT Coordinator, a parent/guardian is notified by letter and is requested to complete a permission form in order for more testing to begin.

Data Collection: Once permission is given, the GT Coordinator will gather data and assemble this information into a data profile sheet for each student. The profile sheet for each student includes referral inventories, K-Bit IQ test scores, NNAT IQ test scores, Williams Creativity test scores, Standardized Test scores, parent and teacher scales, and exemplary work.

Identification Committee: All information is reviewed by a committee. Placement is determined by the committee. Screening by the committee is blind. There is no cut-off score, and multiple pieces of information are used to make student placement decisions. Parents are notified by letter of the committee decision.

Appeals Process: Parents have the right to appeal the placement decision. Detailed information can be found about this process on the ADE Gifted & Talented Services page under Rules: Program Approval Standards.