

Additional Information for Fairfax County Residents Not Attending FCPS

Students whose parents/guardians are residents of Fairfax County but who are not attending Fairfax County Public Schools (FCPS) may be considered for gifted and talented (GT) center placement. These students do not need to be registered in FCPS to be screened during the regularly scheduled fall or spring central selection committee meetings.

Only complete files will be accepted and no later than the deadline. Parents/guardians are responsible for obtaining all documents prior to the due date. Scheduling, testing, and obtaining individual and group test results and school records may take several weeks. Partial files may not be submitted and time line extensions are not available in order to obtain required documents. Materials may not be faxed, mailed, or submitted electronically. Once screening files are submitted, additional materials cannot be added.

DIRECTIONS FOR PREPARING AND SUBMITTING A GT CENTER SCREENING FILE

1. Prepare a screening file by labeling the tab of an 8½"x 11" standard manila file folder for each child.

Format

Student's LAST NAME	First	MI
Current Grade	Attending School	Local FCPS School

2. Place the following materials in the screening file folder in order:

REQUIRED:

- *GT Screening Summary Sheet* (fill in top and middle sections, test results and "File prepared by").
- One *Gifted and Talented Center Referral* form (must be completed and signed by parent/guardian).
- One *Gifted Behaviors Rating Scale with Commentary (GBRSwC)* completed by the teacher(s) who works with the student. See letter of instructions for completing the GBRSwC on page 14.
- Testing report with scores for at least one FCPS approved ability test. Approved group ability tests include the Cognitive Abilities Test (CogAt), the Naglieri Nonverbal Ability Test (NNAT), and the Otis-Lennon School Ability Test (OLSAT). Approved individually administered tests include the Stanford-Binet Intelligence Scale, the Wechsler Intelligence Scale for Children (WISC IV), the Cognitive Assessment System (CAS), and the Kaufman Assessment Battery. Additional ability and/or achievement test scores should also be included.
- Student's progress reports for at least 1½ years.

TESTING NOTES: Test scores must be documented from the source that administered the test. Only group ability test results from George Mason University (GMU), FCPS, and/or other schools will be accepted. Individual test results from GMU, other universities, FCPS, and/or other school districts may be submitted. Individual intelligence assessments administered by private psychologists will also be accepted if accompanied by a copy of the psychologist's state license. Test results need to be in standard age format as well as percentage(s).

OPTIONAL:

- *Parent/Guardian Questionnaire*
 - A maximum of 5 single-sided 8½" x 11" pages of student work.
Original stories, artwork, and other student work may be submitted in black and white or in color, reduced or enlarged from the original, but must be on standard 8½" x 11" writing, copying, photographic, or bond paper. Large/oversize pages, small pages, cardboard, tag board, or construction paper may not be submitted. Larger/smaller pages, projects, and photographs may be photocopied onto standard paper. Videos, DVDs, three-dimensional art, spiral paper, notebooks, pocket folders, and two-sided pages may not be submitted. Work will not be returned.
 - A maximum of 5 single-sided 8½" x 11" pages of certificates, awards, honors, accomplishments, letters of commendation, report of participation in GT programs, and academic extracurricular activities.
Letters of commendation may be hand-written or typed from adults who know the student, including parents or other relatives, music or art teacher, coach, etc. Materials will not be returned.
3. Retain a copy of the screening file; submitted files are not returned.
 4. Files must be submitted in person to the GT Programs Office at Lacey Center, 3705 Crest Drive, Annandale, VA 22003, according to the time line. Proof of Fairfax County residency is required as well as a \$50 processing fee. Please make check payable to Fairfax County Public Schools (no cash or credit).