**Clover School District**

**Gifted and Talented Programs**

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**Definition of Gifted & Talented**

Students with outstanding talent demonstrate the potential for performing at remarkably high levels of accomplishment when compared with others of their age, experience, or environment. These students exhibit high performance abilities in intellectual, creative and/or artistic areas, possess leadership qualities and/or excel in specific academic fields. They require services or activities to develop these talents.

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**Criteria for GT Academic Programs**

Identification is a multi-step process, which consists of referral, screening, and assessments. The SCDE has established three dimensions as criteria for placement in the academically gifted program. Students must meet the eligibility criteria in two of the following three dimensions.

**Dimension A: Reasoning Abilities/Aptitude**
- Students score 93% or higher on a nationally-normed aptitude test.
- Students are eligible for placement on the basis of aptitude score alone if they score 96% or higher on the composite score of the nationally-normed aptitude test.
- No private testing will be accepted for eligibility, but those results may be considered for referral purposes.

**Dimension B: Achievement**
- Students score 94% or higher on reading comprehension and/or math concepts and problem solving on a nationally-normed achievement test.
- Students achieve a qualifying score in reading and/or math on the SC READY assessment (to be determined by SCDE).

**Dimension C: Achievement**
- In grades 3-6, students must achieve a qualifying score on performance tasks.
- In grades 6-12, GPA is reviewed in the core content areas using 3.75 on a 4.0 scale as a qualifying score.

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**Program Models**

**Gifted Academic**

Students in grades 3-8 will attend GT classes daily with a focus on content-based curriculum in language arts and/or math.

**Artistically Gifted & Talented**

Students in grades 6-8 will attend a three-week summer program which provides an intense experience in dance, music, theater and visual arts.

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**Referrals for GT Screening**

Parents of students who demonstrate a potential for academic excellence may refer their child for screening by completing a referral form available at the local school office or on the district website under Programs for “Gifted and Talented.” Administrators and teachers may also refer students.

All second grade students participate in census testing to identify students who are eligible for participation in the GT academic program. **No referrals are necessary for second grade students unless they enroll in the district after the fall testing.**

**Completed referral forms for 2019-2020**

**are due to the district office by September 6, 2019.**

**Placement in Gifted Academic Programs**

Screening for students begins in the fall and continues throughout the school year. Letters will be mailed in June to parents of students who meet state criteria for GT placement.

Students who participate in screening and are eligible for gifted and talented services will be placed in the GT classes the following school year.

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