

Referral

Referrals can be made by parent, teacher, or student. [Parent](#) and teacher recommendations are gathered by survey form in PowerSchool.

Assessment

Screeners: The first part of the assessment process is a 30-45 minute screener that consists of 3 of the 9 subtests of the CogAT. Students who score at or above the 80th percentile will complete the remaining parts of the testing.

Assessment cont'd

CogAT: The CogAT is an abilities test. It assesses how a student reasons and processes. Subtests include: Verbal, Quantitative, and Nonverbal. Students who score well on the screener take the remaining 6 subtests. This is administered at a level above the current grade.

Assessment cont'd

Iowa: Two sections of the Iowa Test of Basic Skills are given: reading and math. This is given at a level above the current grade. This assesses academic achievement—giving a picture of what the student knows that has not been explicitly taught.

Tiers and Percentiles

Scores from the CogAT and Iowa are combined and result in a percentile rank and a tier designation. 75th percentile and below is a tier 1, 80th percentile to 95th percentile is tier 2, and 96th percentile and above is a tier 3. Generally, students in tier 1 are adequately served by excellent teaching in the regular classroom, tier 2 students show some need for extension and enrichment, tier 3 indicates a need for consistent, strategic enrichment and extension.

Service

There are many options for service within the classroom and the school. It is recommended that each school have a written plan of service for both tier 2 and tier 3. These can include: Junior Great Books, choice menus, and more. Some elementary students benefit from inclusion in a full-day high ability placement at one of two strand schools. Secondary students in tiers 2 & 3 may benefit from honors courses, Advanced Placement, or concurrent enrollment.