



## Gifted Screening and Testing

Have you ever wondered, “Is my child Gifted?” Teachers and parents may request that a child be screened for the Gifted program. Florida’s current definition of a Gifted learner is one who “demonstrates a need for a special program, has the majority of characteristics of Gifted students according to a standard score or checklist, and has a very superior intellectual development as measured by an individually administered test of intelligence.”

At WHRE, we provide students with the opportunity to be screened for the Gifted program based on Parent or Teacher recommendation. Students may be screened at any time for the Gifted program; they do not need to be a certain age or grade to be screened.

Once a student has been recommended to be screened for the Gifted program, a letter describing the process and a consent form for screening will be sent home to parents.

The first step is called the “screening” process. Students are assessed with the **Kaufman Brief Intelligence Test, 2<sup>nd</sup> edition (KBIT2)** in an individualized setting in my office. The KBIT is a brief intelligence screening instrument that provides a Verbal Intelligence score, a Nonverbal Intelligence score and a Composite Intelligence (average) score. Parents will receive a letter summarizing the results.

If a child scores 120 or above on the screening instrument that I administer (the KBIT2), further evaluation with our school psychologist will be recommended. Parents must sign a letter of consent to have their child evaluated. If you agree to have your child evaluated by our school psychologist and have signed the letter of consent, your child will be tested within a reasonable amount of time.

During the evaluation phase, a student must score at least 130 or higher on the Full Scale portion of the IQ evaluation to be eligible for the Gifted program. The school district’s Gifted Program Facilitator will contact you regarding your child’s results and notify you if he/she met Gifted eligibility criteria. If eligibility is met, you will be contacted to participate in your child’s Gifted eligibility meeting. At that meeting, if you want your child to participate in Gifted services, an Evaluation Plan (E.P.) will be created. You are free to invite whomever you choose to attend the meeting with you.

If you have any additional questions about Gifted screening, evaluation and placement options please contact me at either (850) 983-5670 x 106 or email at [thomasl@mail.santarosa.k12.fl.us](mailto:thomasl@mail.santarosa.k12.fl.us).