

Academically Talented Program Parental Guidelines for the Screening Process

- Explain to your child that this process is a chance for the school to learn more about them as learners. Students feel more comfortable when they understand the process.
- Students do not need to practice for the test that will be administered, as it is a measure of natural abilities.
- We will be working very hard to ensure a comfortable and age-appropriate atmosphere in each testing session.
- You will be informed in writing of the final decision following the screening process.
- Not every student will be selected – it is important that you understand this in advance. Although we expect that all nominees will be bright and very capable, we do not expect that all nominated students will prove to be exceptionally able far beyond their peers. Please keep this in mind when discussing this process with your child. Applaud your child's efforts. Also, be assured that even if your student is not selected for the AT program, there are other opportunities for enrichment activities within the regular classroom.
- If your child is not identified for this program, you may choose to dispute the final decision made by the screening committee. A written appeal must be submitted within two weeks of receipt of your child's letter of ineligibility. The appeal must be accompanied by additional supporting documentation, which will be reviewed by the committee. Additional tests may need to be administered. The committee will notify you of its final determination within two weeks of your appeal.
- Testing for students presently in the district will occur at the end of the school year. Parents will be notified of a testing window prior to administration of the SAGES-2 in the spring.