

Gifted and Talented Programs

The following procedures shall be employed to nominate, assess and select students to participate in the program:

Nomination

Parents will be sent a checklist to use in determining if they should nominate their child for consideration in the program. Interested parents may nominate their child to the program. Teachers will also complete *Observation Guide for Teachers* in order to identify or recommend students who should be nominated for the program. Students may also be nominated from the district office if their test scores trigger a possibility for consideration.

Assessment

Assessment data for students, who have been nominated by parents or teachers, shall be compiled. The selection process uses a wide variety of information from various data sources. This process will be designed to assure that no one score or piece of data should prevent a student's eligibility. Conversely, no one score or piece of data will ensure a student's placement.

Parents will receive a testing/matrix summary of scores once all testing and checklists have been completed.

The qualification scores for the elementary cluster program are detailed below.

Qualification

A matrix of 17 or more with a combined cognitive abilities test score of 3 or higher will typically qualify for placement. Matrix scores between 13 and 15 may be accepted for placement if the student has at least two scores at or above the 92nd percentile on the Cognitive Abilities Test (CogAT). Points for each category are indicated by the shaded column header on the Matrix for Highly Capable Cluster Services which can be obtained by contacting the La Center School District Curriculum, Instruction and Assessment Office.

Highly Capable Cluster Appeals

The district shall develop a process and procedures for parents to appeal their child's placement (or lack thereof) in the elementary cluster program. Appeals process forms and procedures will be determined by the superintendent or his/her designee and can be obtained at the district office. Appeals will be reviewed by the multi-disciplinary team and their review and opinion will be final.