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Dear Parents,

We are pleased to inform you about the Gifted Program available at Meriwether County Schools, which is designed to support the intellectual and artistic growth of our academically talented students. In accordance with Georgia state mandates, our Gifted Program is a crucial part of our curriculum, offering enriched learning experiences that enhance the standard curriculum with increased pace and rigor. This program is designed to help gifted learners develop their critical, creative, and practical application of knowledge.

Gifted Program Qualification Requirements

To qualify for the Gifted Program, students must meet the state criteria through one of the following options:

Option A — Must meet both requirements:

Grades K-2:

1. **Mental Ability:** 99th percentile Composite
2. **Achievement:** 90th percentile or higher in Total Math, Total Reading, or Composite (Core)

Grades 3-12:

1. **Mental Ability:** 96th percentile or higher Composite
2. **Achievement:** 90th percentile or higher in Total Math, Total Reading, or Composite (Core)

Option B — Must meet three out of four requirements:

Grades K-12:

1. **Mental Ability:** 96th percentile or higher in Composite, Verbal, Non-verbal, or Quantitative
2. **Achievement:** 90th percentile or higher in Total Math, Total Reading, or Composite (Core)
3. **Motivation:**
 - Grades K-5: 90th percentile or higher on a teacher observation form
 - Grades 6-12: 3.5 GPA in core academic courses over the previous two years
4. **Creativity:** 90th percentile or higher on the Torrance Test of Creative Thinking

If a student does not qualify initially, they may be reassessed no sooner than two years from the original testing date.

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Referrals for the Gifted Program

Students may be automatically referred for the Gifted Program through system-wide or school-wide testing. Additionally, referrals can be made by teachers, counselors, parents, or administrators. If you would like to refer your child for screening, please contact the school counselor at your child's school.

We have two testing windows each academic year—one in the spring and one in the fall. Please be aware that the gifted testing process can take 6-8 weeks, and results will be communicated to parents once available. If your child is referred for assessment, you will be notified in writing. According to State guidelines, test scores remain valid for two years, and if retesting is necessary, it will occur after the two-year period.

We are committed to providing every child with the opportunity to reach their full potential. If you have any questions or need further information, please feel free to reach out.

Sincerely,

Suze Neal
Director of Compliance
Meriwether County Schools