

Gifted Student evaluations

Brevard County School policy defines a gifted student as " one who has superior intellectual development and is capable of high performance".

At our school, eligibility for gifted services is handled initially by the Guidance Office. In general, a student must demonstrate the need for a special program, a majority of characteristics of a gifted student according to a standard scale or checklist, and superior intellectual development as measured by an intelligence quotient of two (2) standard deviations or more above the mean on an individually-administered standardized test of intelligence (Brevard County Plan, Part III A pg 1).

A recent change to the eligibility process specifies how frequently a student can be tested for GSP. Revised this year (2012-13), it states that, under normal circumstances, a student should only be evaluated once in their entire school career. If, after a year, new information becomes available that may affect the original outcome, parents can meet with the school team to determine if a second IQ test would be warranted. *A student may be given an individual IQ test by a Brevard County school psychologist for consideration of gifted program placement only twice in the student's entire school career.*