

TALENTED IN MUSIC AND THEATER
REFERRAL, SCREENING AND EVALUATION PROCESS

Criteria for Eligibility

Criteria A and B must be met.

- A. The student must meet all screening criteria
- B. Creative abilities in visual and/or performing arts grades K-12 must be demonstrated.
 - a. Music: Criteria 1 or 2, plus 3 and 4, or 5 must be met for grades K-6. Criteria 3 plus 4 or 5 must be met for grades 7-12. The student must:
 - 1. Obtain a score of 35-40 on the state approved music evaluation instruments for grades K-3.
 - 2. Obtain a score of 30-35 on the state approved music evaluation instrument for grades 4-6.
 - 3. Obtain a score of 18-20 on the music interview scale.
 - 4. Obtain a score of 27-30 on the instrumental music audition scale, if performing prepared selections, or a score of 23-25 if performing improvisations for grades K- 1 2.
 - 5. Obtain a score of 33-35 on the vocal music audition scale for grades K-6 or score 47-50 on the vocal music audition scale for grades 7-12.
 - b. Theater: Criteria 1 and 2, or 1 and 3 must be met. The student must:
 - 1. Obtain a score of 13-15 on the theater interview scale.
 - 2. Obtain a score of 42-45 on the theater audition scale for grades K-6.
 - 3. Obtain a score of 47-50 on the theater audition scale for grades 7-12.

A student may be identified for a talented music or theater screening via the following process:

- 1) Parent, teacher, or student complete Gifted and Talented Referral Google form via Ifno.org or complete a hard copy from the front office of each campus.
- 2) The Director of Special Education informs teachers and parent that the request has been made. If the request is made by a staff member, the parent may opt out in writing if they do not want their student to partake in the process.
- 3) The referring teacher completes the music or theater screening instrument required by the Louisiana Department of Education.
 - a) If the student scores in the range 33 - 35 for music or 48 - 50 range for theater on the appropriate screening instruments, s/he may move forward to evaluation.
 - b) If a student does not score in the range 33 - 35 for music or 48 - 50 range for theater on the appropriate screening instruments, s/he is not eligible for further screening.
- 4) The Director of Special Education notifies student, parents, and teacher about the eligibility for additional screening.

- a. If eligible, the student is provided with a directions for next steps and the parent is provided with a copy of the Talented Screening Form and the Louisiana's Educational Rights of Gifted/Talented Children.
- b. If student does not pass initial Talented screening procedures, s/he may be re-screened in no less than 6 months and not more than once per academic year.

Evaluation

- 1) The music evaluation consists of:
 - a) a state approved music evaluation instrument for grades K - 3 and 4 - 6
 - b) a music interview
 - c) an instrumental audition with prepared selections or improvisations
 - i) AND/OR**
 - d) a vocal music audition scale
- 2) The theater evaluation consists of:
 - a) a theater interview
 - b) a performance of a selected monologue
- 3) Talented evaluations are scheduled two times per year (likely Nov/Dec and May). Those dates will be determined each school year and provided to the staff and parents.
- 4) The Talented evaluation is conducted by evaluators who are contracted to provide this service.
- 5) After the assessment, parents are notified about the results within 10 days.

Due to the length of the screening process and timelines involved with evaluations, **April 12th, 2019** will be the last day to nominate a student for the TAM and TAT process for the school year.