

Referrals for Gifted Services are now being accepted

Students who show above average intelligence, creativity and/or task commitment, and are in grades 3-12, may be referred for evaluation. Students may be referred by teachers, parents, peers, themselves, or members of the community. All students referred will be evaluated and considered for placement upon receipt of parental permission to test.

Things to consider before referring a student:

- Is this student really above his/her peers, not just a good student?
- Have I had a continued conversation with my child's teacher to share ideas/concerns/opinions about possible consideration for placement?
- Can this student keep up in his/her regular class work while missing class time to attend G.T. class and activities?
- Is this student an independent worker (our G.T./AP/Pre AP programs require independent, advanced work. Students must be able to self-motivate while working in their area of study...do they desire the extra opportunities?)
- Not all students in G.T. will have all A's, and not all "All A" students will qualify for G.T. services.
- A student can be "twice exceptional" meaning they can be low in one area and very high in another. These students should not be overlooked when referring for evaluation.
- Visit <http://gt.conwayschools.org/> to complete a referral form.

Arkansas' definition of giftedness:

Gifted and talented children and youth are those of high potential or ability whose learning characteristics and educational needs require qualitatively differentiated educational experiences and/or services. Possession of these talents and gifts, or the potential for their development, will be evidenced through an interaction of above average intellectual ability, task commitment and/or motivation, and creative ability. Referral forms are found on each campus home page and in the school offices. Testing begins in May. Students will not be tested without parental permission on file.