



**FOCUS** is the gifted program in Gwinnett County elementary schools and serves gifted students by providing academic challenges for intellectually-advanced students.

### **GPCS** Goals

- I. To educate gifted and talented students so that they may achieve excellence in Gwinnett County Public Schools' Academic Knowledge and Skills (AKS).
- II. To provide academic advancement through the use of Gwinnett County Public Schools' AKS Extensions.
- III. To encourage gifted and talented students to reach a world-class standard in their individual area of exceptionality.

\*FOCUS = Fostering, Originality, Creativity, Understanding and Self Awareness

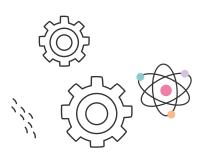
### The gifted education program stresses five areas:

- 1. AKS extensions
  - 2. advanced content
  - 3. research and reference skills
  - 4. communication skills









## Department

Ms. Pacheco (K)

Ms. McCarthy (2nd)

Mrs. Childers (3rd)

Ms. Cylar (2nd)

Mrs. Chavis (2nd)

Mrs. Newman (4th)

Ms. Harden (5th)



- 1. Referral
- 2. Referral Team Meeting
- 3. Parental Consent to Test
- 4. Evaluation
- 5. Eligibility Team Meeting

6. Parental Consent to Place

### **Universal Screeners**

Purpose	Identify students who are in need of enrichment/acceleration or who are at risk of poor learning and behavior outcomes and provide an indicator of system effectiveness.
Focus	ALL students
Tools	Brief assessments that are valid and reliable that demonstrate diagnostic accuracy for predicting learning potential or behavior problems.
Time Frame	Administered three times per year (Fall, Winter, and Spring)

Fall Window
August 14th- September
1st

Winter Window
January 4th- January
31st

Spring Window
April 15th- May 2nd

**Automatic Referral Criteria** 

K-5: **> 87%** on iREADY Total Reading or Math

\*The Automatic Referral Criteria only applies to the Universal Screener Fall and Winter Test Administrations



### The Evaluation Process

### **Mental Abilities**

CogAT

### **Achievement**

iReady

### Creativity

- Gifted Evaluation Scale
- TTCT
- Portfolios

### **Motivation**

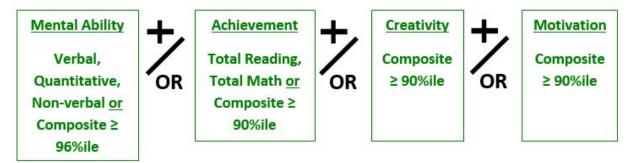
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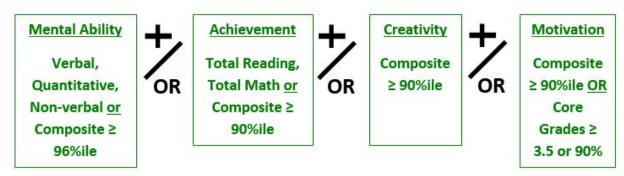
## Qualifying for Gifted in Georgia

How a Student Qualifies for Gifted via Multiple Criteria (3 of 4 Qualifying Scores)

#### K – 5:

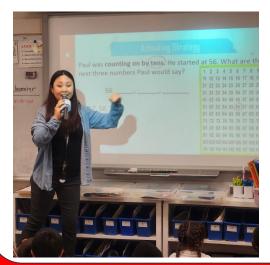


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## Corley's Gifted Delivery Models





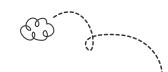




## **Cluster Model In Action**









## Gifted Program LSPI



**Current Data** 

### Alignment to our Local School Plan For Improvement (LSPI)

### **Equity 2.B Opportunity and Access**



Corley Elementary partnership with the Gifted Department to increase our Gifted referrals.

### Effectiveness 3.A Results-Based Evaluation System

Consistent Instructional Walkthroughs with the administrative team, Gifted Coach, Instructional Coaches, and ITI (Brandy Allen)



### **GIFTED LSPI UPDATES**

<b>Goal</b> Increase the overall Gifted percentage for Corley Elementary to 15% at the conclusion of the 23-24 school year.	Current
Total enrolled as of 2/7/2024	1150
15% which would be 172 students	72/6%
Benchmark 10% which would be 114 students	72/6%

**Equity 2.B- Opportunity and Access** 



### **GIFTED LSPI UPDATES**

The Saturday STEAM Enrichment Academy was designed for students who are demonstrating high academic performance in reading and/or math to receive extended enrichment learning opportunities.

During first semester we held one STEAM Academy. Out of the 58 Gifted students that were invited to participate 33 attended. This semester we will host STEAM Academy on two Saturdays, March 2nd and 9th. A new addition to the program will be our Kindergarten students who have been identified as high ability learners using the Gifted evaluation qualifications. With our Kindergarten addition we will be inviting a

total 90 students to attend.

Semester 1 Highlight Video

**Equity 2.B- Opportunity and Access** 



### **GIFTED UPDATES**

# of	Total
Gifted Students as of August 2023	57
Gifted Students as of February 2024	72
Students placed in Semester 1	12
Students placed in Semester 2 (so far)	9
Students currently in the evaluation process	28
Kindergarten students in the evaluation process (starting in March)	18
Gifted students to withdraw this school year <b>and/or</b> not return from the previous school year	24

## 2023-2024 Current Gifted Student Numbers by

Kindergarten	0
First	11
Second	16
Third	14
Fourth	18
Fifth	13
Total	72



## 2023-2024 Referral Numbers by Grade Level



Kindergarten	18	0
First	11	7
Second	16	9
Third	10	2
Fourth	5	2
Fifth	5	1
Total	65	21



Represents # of students placed in Gifted

# Gifted Program Highlights





### Introducing Corley Elementary School National Junior Beta Club Officers for the 2023-2024 School Year



President Caitlyn Tran 5th grade



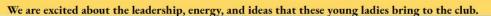
Vice President Aleah Baker 4th grade



Secretary 4th grade



Historian Reporter Amaya Mitchell Sarah Hidalgo Sanchez Elisa Bautista Vargas 4th grade 5th grade













Congratulations to our Spelling Bee Champions!
Winner- Fabio (5th Grade)
1st Runner Up- Oluwafolabamirin (5th grade)









## Helping at Home: Tips for Parents

















- 1. Feed your child's enthusiastic appetite for knowledge.
- 2. Use community resources.
- 3. Help your child develop and practice social skills.
- 4. Encourage questioning.
- 5. Support your sensitive child.
- 6. Help your perfectionist child.













<u>Gwinnett Alliance for Gifted Education</u> is a non-profit organization committed to the support, encouragement and advancement of gifted, accelerated, and advanced content students. The organization is made up of volunteers, mainly teachers, parents, and community leaders, working together to ensure the quality of gifted education.

As a local affiliate of the <u>Georgia Association of Gifted Children</u> (<a href="http://www.gagc.org">http://www.gagc.org</a>), GAGE research and develop resources that could meet the unique learning needs of gifted students in Gwinnett County, Georgia.





I look forward to working together and supporting you this school year!

### HERE TO HELP





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