



WEST BATON ROUGE SCHOOL SYSTEM GIFTED AND TALENTED PROGRAMS

Gifted Program

The West Baton Rouge School System offers identification and services to qualifying students in grades K-12 who are Academically Gifted. Screenings are offered at the school level to begin the process of identification. Once a student passes the screening, the School Building Level Committee will recommend a complete gifted evaluation conducted by the Pupil Appraisal Team. Upon completing the evaluation, a committee at the school level, will then develop an Individualized Education Program (IEP) for the identified eligible student. This web-based plan includes personal academic goals and additional services that will be provided to the student, as well as other information that impacts the academic performance of the student.

Gifted students are offered enrichment and/or accelerated academic services provided by one of our gifted teachers. Students are active participants in the learning process as they construct meaning through hands-on and rich educational experiences.

Talented in Visual Arts Program

The Talented in Visual Arts Program provides enrichment for students to further their artistic abilities in Visual Arts. Students may qualify for this area and receive instruction, which will enhance their educational program through concentrated exposure to the arts.

Students are referred for a visual arts screening at the school level. This takes place once or twice a year. If students pass the art screening, then the School Building Level Committee will recommend an evaluation.

Parent permission is required to begin the evaluation process. Once your written permission has been received in the Pupil Appraisal Services office, the written evaluation will be completed within 60 working days.

This evaluation will be conducted by two state approved visual arts specialists who will administer the required state instruments. A Pupil Appraisal evaluation coordinator will integrate all evaluation results into a report which will indicate whether the student is eligible for classification as a talented art student. Once the evaluation is completed, the parent will be contacted and receive a copy of the report.

If a student meets the criteria as a student Talented in Visual Arts, a committee at the school level will then develop an Individualized Education Program (IEP) for the identified eligible student. Once a meeting is held with the parent to discuss the plan, the parent must sign the IEP document for services to begin.

This web-based plan includes personal academic goals and services that will challenge students as they are encouraged to use their imagination as they create original works of art through enriching and meaningful artistic endeavors.

Individuals should speak with their school principal and/or the district Gifted and Talented Coordinator @ 343-8405 for information about gifted and talented screenings and programming services.