

**Steps and Timeline for 2017-2018 School Year  
ATLAS Academic Gifted Identification for 2018-19 Placement\* (\*We will place students as soon as they are accepted if it works for the student)**

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**Grade 2 Census Testing** – All Students in Grade 2 are screened. No nominations are needed.

- 1) September (achievement MAP Survey with Goals assessment of grade 2).
- 2) Oct 20- Nov 10 Window (Grade 2 teachers administer aptitude, CogAT Test, and achievement test, Iowa)
- 3) Feb 16-March 3 Window (State performance test for those students who have met either achievement or aptitude, but not both. Parents of second graders who qualify for services or for additional testing will be notified.

**Grades 3-5**

- 1) October- Open nominations period.
- 2) November- Susan reviews fall MAP scores for students who were nominated.
- 3) Nov 16- Dec 4– School administers aptitude as needed for those nominated.
- 4) Feb 20-March 8 Window (State performance test for those students who have met either achievement or aptitude, but not both.)
- 5) June- July- Reviews of spring end-of-year state test results for all students. Parents notified of the steps and timelines. When results are completed, parents will be notified of results and status of qualification and elementary principals will be informed of nominated student status.

**Grades 6-10**

- 1) October– Open nominations period.
- 2) November- Review of fall MAP scores of students who are nominated.
- 3) Nov 14- Dec 2- School administers aptitude as needed.
- 4) June-July- Screening of spring end-of-year state test results and end-of-year grade averages of all students. Parents notified of the steps and timelines. When results are completed, parents will be notified of results and status of qualification and principals/guidance counselors will be informed of nominated student status.

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**Criteria for Academic Gifted Qualification-**

Students who meet eligibility criteria in at least two of three dimensions are eligible for ATLAS Academic Gifted and Talented Services.

**Dimension A- Reasoning Abilities/Aptitude**

- Score at/above **93<sup>rd</sup>** percentile on verbal, nonverbal, quantitative, **or** total of aptitude instrument.
- (Score at/above **96<sup>th</sup>** percentile on total test automatically qualifies for eligibility.)

**Dimension B- Achievement- Fall Administration of MAP**

- Score at/above **94<sup>th</sup>** percentile on total reading on nationally normed achievement test,  
**or**
- Score at/above **94<sup>th</sup>** percentile on total mathematics on nationally normed achievement test.

**Dimension C- Performance**

- Grades 3-5, score at/above state cut score on SC Performance Test.
- Rising grades 6-10, demonstrate most recent year core subject academic average of 93.75 or higher.