



SPARTANBURG SCHOOL DISTRICT 3

ATLAS ACADEMIC GIFTED AND TALENTED PROGRAM

Academic Gifted students are those who are identified as demonstrating high performance ability or potential in academics and therefore require an educational program beyond that normally provided by the general school program in order to achieve their potential.
(Regulation 43-220)

NOMINATIONS

Students in Grades 3-9 may be nominated in the following manner

- A parent may nominate a student
- A student may self-nominate
- A school staff member may nominate a student



NOMINATION FORMS

Nomination forms are available in the front office at each elementary school or online at www.spartanburg3.org (under Parents & Students) and your child's school website.

GRADES 3 – 9: NOMINATION FORMS MUST BE COMPLETED BY **OCTOBER 5, 2018.**

IDENTIFICATION

PURPOSES OF THE PROCESS

1. To find students who display characteristics of the gifted and talented (i.e. ability or potential for high performance in academic areas)
2. To assess the aptitudes, attributes, and behaviors of each student
3. To evaluate each student for the purposes of placement in the ATLAS program

SCREENING PROCESS

All students in grade two and nominated students in grades three through nine will be screened with both aptitude and achievement tests.

Some students will meet the eligibility criteria without further assessment; others, whose screening suggests that they are potential qualifiers, will require additional testing.

Students who are newly identified this school year will start services as soon as possible.

SELECTION

Students who meet the eligibility criteria in at least two out of the three dimensions are eligible for gifted and talented service in the District ATLAS program.

ACADEMIC ATLAS PROGRAMS:

Grades 3 – 5: A pullout class for 2 – 3 hours per week

Grades 6- 8: Accelerated classes in language arts, math, science and social studies

Grades 9 - 11: Accelerated, honors English class at Broome High School

Grades 10 - 12: Advanced Placement classes are offered.

ELIGIBILITY

DIMENSION A—REASONING ABILITY

- Aptitude score at or above 93rd national age percentile on verbal/linguistic, or quantitative/mathematical, or non-verbal, or composite aptitude scores alone, at or above 96th percentile.

DIMENSION B—ACHIEVEMENT

- Nationally normed achievement score at or above 94th percentile on reading comprehension or
- Nationally normed achievement score at or above 94th percentile on math concepts/problem solving.

DIMENSION C—ACADEMIC PERFORMANCE

- At or above state performance standard on state performance tasks in grades 2-5.
- At or above 93.75 averages in academic subjects, grades 6-9.

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