



G&T and Enrichment Selection Process

The selection process for Focused Enrichment and Gifted & Talented Programs at Port Colden and Brass Castle Schools consists of two phases:

Phase I: Prescreening/Referral Process

- **Kindergarten** (midyear, after winter benchmarks):
 - Fall and Winter Benchmark Scores
 - Teacher Recommendations
 - Parent Recommendations
- **Grades 1-3:**
 - Spring and Fall Benchmark Scores
 - Teacher Recommendations
 - Parent Recommendations
- **Grades 4-6:**
 - Spring NJSLA Scores
 - Spring and Fall Benchmark Scores
 - Teacher Recommendations
 - Parent Recommendations

Students identified in Phase I proceed to Phase II with parental permission.

Phase II: Screening Process

- **All Grades (K-6):**
 - Screening Assessment for Gifted Elementary and Middle School Students (SAGES)

Selection Criteria

- Scores from all indicators, including parent recommendations, are placed on a matrix.
- Students in the top 5% of their grade-level class are considered eligible.
- Eligibility is analyzed yearly; students don't automatically qualify from year to year.

Additional Notes

- Parents are encouraged to communicate with their child's teacher about their observations and provide any additional information or examples of their child's advanced abilities.
- Parents should stay informed about the selection timeline and process.
- Parental permission is required for a child to proceed to Phase II if identified in Phase I.
- For any questions about the process, contact Christine Drevitch (cdrevitch@washtwpd.org).