

Academic Screening Dimensions for Gifted and Talented Identification in South Carolina

<p>Dimension A Aptitude</p> <p>Dimension A scores are effective for five years.</p>	<p>Nationally normed individual or group aptitude test approved by SCDE:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A score at or above the 93rd percentile in either verbal/linguistic, quantitative/mathematical, nonverbal, or a composite of the three. <p>Students may be eligible for placement based on their aptitude scores alone:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A composite score at or above the 96th percentile is an automatic qualifier.
<p>Dimension B High Achievement</p> <p>Dimension B scores are effective for two years.</p>	<p>Nationally normed achievement test approved by SCDE:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A score at or above the 94th percentile in reading and/or mathematical areas.
<p>Dimension C Intellectual/Academic Performance</p>	<p>Requires a student in grades two through five that has met either Dimension A or Dimension B to meet the eligibility score on the Performance Task Assessment (PTA). Qualifying scores for the PTA are as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Second grade- 16 or higher on verbal or non-verbal • Third grade- 18 or higher on verbal or non-verbal • Fourth grade- 16 or higher on verbal and 22 or higher on nonverbal • Fifth grade- 18 or higher on verbal and 25 or higher on nonverbal <p>Students entering grades sixth through twelve that have met either Dimension A or Dimension B must show evidence of commitment in academic disciplines through a Grade Point Average of 3.75 or higher on a 4.0 scale.</p>

Students who meet the eligibility criteria in two of the three dimensions are eligible for gifted and talented services. No single criterion can eliminate a student from consideration.