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## **Gifted Screening and Evaluation Procedures**

### Tier I – Screening assessment for students

- 1. Students in grades two, six, and ninth will be screened for gifted eligibility as part of the universal screening process for gifted services.
- 2. Winter NWEA MAP Assessment scores will be used to determine Tier I eligibility.
  - a. 3 out of 4 subtests (math, reading, language, and science) in 90th percentile or above move directly to Tier III
  - b. Minimum of 1 subtest in the 90th percentile or above AND 1 subtest in the 80 -89th percentile move to Tier II.
  - Gifted teachers will review MAP scores for their prospective buildings. A list of Tier II and Tier III eligible students will be provided to the Special Education Office by February 28th.

# Tier II – Student demonstrates achievement, performance or expertise in one or more academic areas, as well as criterion-referenced team judgment

- 1. The RtI Interventionist or Assistant Principal will complete a Slosson with Tier II eligible students. Students scoring 115 or above will move to Tier III.
- 2. Buildings will provide a list of students with Tier III qualifying scores to the building school psychologist by March 15th.

#### Tier III - Individual Assessment with School Psychologist

- 1. If the student is successful at Tiers I,II the MTSS team will meet to determine if a Permission to Evaluate should be issued. This discussion should occur prior to March 31st.
- 2. Once permission is received from the parent, the school psychologist will conduct an ability and achievement evaluation
  - a. Ability will be measured by the General Ability Index (GAI) from the Wechsler Intelligence Scale for Children
    - i. The school psychologist may choose to use a different test or index score, per their clinical judgment, with justification included in Gifted Written Report.
  - b. Achievement will be measured by the Math Problem Solving and Reading Comprehension subtests of the Weschler Individual Achievement Test.
    - i. The School Psychologist may choose to use a different test or index score, per their clinical judgment, with justification included in the Gifted Written Report.
- 3. A minimum of one teacher who is familiar with the student's academic performance will complete the Screening and Identification of Gifted Students (SIGS)
- 4. The student's parents will complete the Screening and Identification of Gifted Students (SIGS).
- 5. Eligibility results will be presented in the Gifted Written Report (GWR)

