

## Gifted Talented



### **Gifted and Talented Definition**

Bulletin 1706, Subpart B defines Gifted as children or youth ages 3-22 years of age who demonstrate abilities that give evidence of high performance in academic and intellectual aptitude; and defines Talented as possession of measurable abilities that give evidence of unique talent in visual arts, music, or theatre.

St. James Parish Public Schools offers services for Academically Gifted and Talented students in grades K-12. Students are screened by the School Building Level Committee (SBLC) and recommended for evaluation if they meet the required criteria. Upon completion of the evaluation, a committee (which includes the parent or guardian) will then develop an Individualized Education Program (IEP) for the identified eligible student.

Academically Gifted students are offered enrichment services to develop critical thinking, problem solving, and student specific areas of growths as determined by the IEP.

The Talented Program provides enrichment for students to further their artistic abilities in three different areas: Theater, Visual Arts, and Music. Students may qualify for one or more of the areas, and will receive instruction, which will enhance their educational program through concentrated exposure to the arts. For any concerns regarding your child's programming, please contact your child's special education teacher and/or school administrators.

### **Initial Screening Process**

Referral to School Building Level Committee (SBLC) Chairperson at Child's School