



Process for the Identification and Placement of Gifted and Talented Students in Music

Data used for BOE:

- Melody and Rhythm sections of MAP (screener) – given in December of their 6th grade year
- Performance Assessment Scores
- Solo and Ensemble Ratings (if available)
- Creativity and Leadership Scores – SIGS
- Harmony, Tempo, and Phrasing parts of MAP

Step 1: Junior High music teachers administer the Melody and Rhythm sections of the Music Aptitude Profile (MAP) to 6th grade students in December as a baseline for Gifted and Talented as well as band and string instrument selection 6th grade. Results are submitted to the District Music Coordinator. Students who score in the 95thile and above will be referred for further assessment.

Step 2: Secondary music teachers monitor sixth through twelfth grade music students and refer for further gifted and talented testing.

Step 3: The District Music Coordinator/GT Liaison then administers the Harmony, Tempo, and Phrasing sections of the Music Aptitude Profile to referred students in the spring. CA Performance Assessment Scores are pulled. Secondary music teachers also complete the Observation Rating Scale for the same students. All results are submitted to the District Music Coordinator.

NOTE: Nomination forms are available for parents, teachers and students who may not immediately stand out or who may be younger than 6th grade. Those students will likely be in a talent pool and may come into their abilities with more training.

Criteria for Placement:

Students who score in the 95% and above on the MAP, SIG (creativity and leadership), and an Advanced on the Performance Assessment will qualify for placement in the Gifted and Talented program.

Opportunities for Musically Gifted and Talented Students

- Subsidized private lessons after school
- Auditioned Honor Groups throughout the community at all levels
- Solo and Ensemble Competition
- Auditioned advanced ensembles at the high school level
- Referral for auditions with the Colorado Springs Youth Symphony and Colorado Springs Children's Chorale

