

**WCSD Gifted Education
Referral, Testing and Placement Schedule
2008-2009 School Year**

During the 2008-2009 school year, there will be two referral and testing periods. The full cooperation of principals, assistant principals, teachers of the gifted, regular education teachers, guidance counselors, clerical staff, etc. will be needed to ensure the successful implementation of the plan outlined below:

First referral and testing period: August 29-September 30, 2008

August 29	All gifted education referrals due.
September 2 - 8	Torrance Tests of Creative Thinking test administration.
September 12	Teachers of the gifted meet together at the Walker County Science and Technology Center to score Torrance Tests of Creative Thinking.
September 2- 12	Achievement, Mental or School Ability, and Motivation Test Administration (or allowance of 5 scheduled testing days before September 28, 2007 for administration of this test, in addition to Fridays).
September 30	All testing completed, tests scored and names of all students who qualify for gifted education services turned in to the school secretary. Kindergarten students <i>should not</i> be tested during this testing period.
October 14	FTE Cycle 1 Count Date (We are requesting this date as an alternative date- more information will be sent as it is solidified)

Second referral and testing period: January 16- February 27, 2009

January 16	All gifted education referrals due.
January 20 - 26	Torrance Tests of Creative Thinking test administration.
January 28	Teachers of the gifted meet together at the Walker County Science and Technology Center to score Torrance Tests of Creative Thinking.
January 29 - Feb 2	Achievement, Mental or School Ability, and Motivation Test Administration.
February 25	All testing completed, tests scored and names of all students who qualify for gifted education services turned in to the school secretary. Kindergarten students <i>should</i> be tested during this testing period.
February 27	- Absolute last date to turn in names of new gifted education students to school secretary.
March 6	- FTE Cycle 3 Count Date.

- To maximize FTE funding during the 2008-2009 school year, it is imperative that the timeline above be closely adhered to. It is equally important that schedules for new students being served in your gifted education program reflect gifted

education course numbers. All student schedule changes must be made prior to FTE Count dates for us to earn extra FTE dollars.