

Frequently Asked Questions

What is the Gwinnett County Gifted criteria?

The four areas that Georgia uses for Gifted identification are:

Achievement (90% or above)

Mental Ability (96% or above)

Motivation (90% or above)

Creativity (90% or above)

A child can qualify for the Gifted program in three out of four of the areas listed above.

When does Puckett's Mill complete Gifted testing?

FOCUS referrals take place three times throughout the school year: fall, winter, and spring. These referral times are correlated with the testing calendar.

A parent may request a referral to the Gifted Eligibility Committee by contacting a Gifted teacher or your child's homeroom teacher. Parents may submit one referral in grades 1-2 and once during grades 3-5.

What does the FOCUS acronym mean?

Fostering

Originality

Creativity

Understanding and

Self-Awareness

How does the FOCUS program work?

The FOCUS/Gifted program is a pull-out program. Students are serviced for 225 minutes during the school week. Each grade level FOCUS class will cover thematic units that emphasize the AKS in all academic areas.

What is the Innovative Model and how can my child qualify?

The Innovative Model (IM) is offered in math for grades 3-5 and Language Arts in 5th grade. These students were identified through a combination of standardized test scores and local school data. This program is reviewed annually by the state and subject to yearly approval. These services are in addition to FOCUS, and they replace the regular instructional model for math and language arts.

What is the Make-Up Work Policy for Elementary (FOCUS) Resource Classes?

FOCUS resource students are to be held responsible for mastery of all grade-level AKS. **However, due to the unique nature of the gifted resource program and the additional workload that resource FOCUS students are expected to carry, they will, in most cases, be excused from regular education daily and related homework assignments given while attending FOCUS classes.** These guidelines for Make-up Work are to be used when making decisions regarding work missed while attending FOCUS resource classes.