

## **Selection Criteria- Gifted Magnet Schools**

- Meet the minimum residency requirements
  - ***Any student living in the City of St. Louis***
  - Non-African-American students living in the Affton, Bayless, Brentwood, Clayton, Hancock Place, Kirkwood, Ladue, Lindbergh, Mehlville, Parkway, Pattonville, Ritenour, Rockwood, Valley Park and Webster Groves school districts are eligible for Kindergarten through Grade 12
  - County residents are not eligible for preschool
- Meet the gifted testing requirements
  - 95<sup>th</sup> Percentile on Intelligence Test AND 95<sup>th</sup> Percentile on Academic Test

## **Selection Criteria- Gifted Magnet Schools Frequently Asked Questions**

- **How do I have my child tested for Gifted Services?**
  - Contact the Gifted Office at (314) 345-4548.
- **How often can I have my child tested for gifted?**
  - A minimum of one calendar year (365 days) between testing.
- **What happens during the gifted testing?**
  - Testing will be administered at 801 N. 11<sup>th</sup> St., St. Louis, 63101
  - The intelligence test administered depends on the age of the child and previous testing
  - The academic test administered depends on the grade level of the child being tested
  - Length of the test is dependent on the child's age and abilities (25 minutes – 2.5 hours)
  - Results are discussed with parents following the testing session and a written report will be delivered by mail.
- **Applications are screened using:**
  - Standardized Test Scores: MAP or District benchmark tests
  - Teacher checklist
  - Parent checklist (PreK only)

## Applying for Gifted Magnet Schools

### ■ How do I apply?

- Online [www.slps.org](http://www.slps.org)
- Fill out the paper application found in the Magnet School Guide and return/mail it to Recruitment & Counseling at 801 N. 11<sup>th</sup> St., 63101
- Scan and email to [slpsmagnetschools@slps.org](mailto:slpsmagnetschools@slps.org)

### ■ What happens next?

- Next, a confirmation receipt will be mailed to your home.
- Application received by Recruitment & Counseling and time-stamped before being entered into database

■ *Gifted applications **MUST** be turned in between September 1 and October 15<sup>th</sup> to be eligible for lottery*

- Priority Assigned
- Application delivered to Gifted & Talented
- Application Screened
- Forms Mailed to Families
  - Once testing forms have been returned to Gifted & Talented then:
- Applicant Tested
  - If student meets criteria then:
- Lottery Drawing

### ■ What is the Lottery?

- When we receive your application, it will be entered into our computer system and be assigned to its appropriate priority category. The computer then randomly assigns an identification number to the application when the sorting lottery is held.
- Because the number of applications for specific schools and grade levels exceeds the number of available spaces, all applications are entered into a lottery. The lottery assures an equal chance for all students applying to magnet schools, within certain priority categories.