

BARROW COUNTY GIFTED PROGRAM CONTINUATION POLICY

For a student to continue in the Program for the Gifted Students after initial placement, he/she must meet the continuation criteria by demonstrating mastery, extension or enrichment of assigned Georgia Performance Standards.

- The criteria for **9th-12th grade** are: enrollment and successful completion of honors or AP classes per academic year.
- The criteria for **6th-8th grade** are: maintain a B average in the gifted course(s) as well as an overall B average in all academic classes for each 9 week grading period.
- The criteria for **4th and 5th grade** are: (1) satisfactory performance in the Gifted Program, (2) 80-100 numeric grade in each content area, and (3) mostly 3's and 2's in content areas as well as Factors Affecting Achievement. (Art, Music, PE, and handwriting are not included.)
- The criteria for **1st-3rd grade** are: (1) satisfactory performance in the Gifted Program and (2) mostly 3's and 2's in content areas. (Factors Affecting Achievement, Art, Music, PE, and handwriting are not included.)
- The criterion for **Kindergarten** is: satisfactory performance in the Gifted Program.

Students failing to meet the continuation criteria are automatically placed on probation. Probation lasts for one grading period. Students who do not meet their Plan for Improvement goal(s) after one grading period on probation are withdrawn from the program and placed on inactive status. Parents are notified in writing prior to withdrawal. If withdrawn, a student may re-enter the Gifted Program upon meeting the specifications of the continuation criteria. Students may be withdrawn and re-enter the program only once per school year. Students remaining inactive for two consecutive school years must be re-evaluated to determine continued eligibility.

Students previously identified as gifted in the state of Georgia who leave in good standing and later return may re-enter the program if initial eligibility can be verified.