# GIFTED SCREENING/EVALUATION TIMELINES
# 2016-2017

All 2nd grade students are assessed each year to identify those who may be eligible for gifted services. Students at any grade level in the St. Johns County School District are screened for gifted evaluation on a referral basis. Following is the calendar for gifted screenings and evaluations:

1. District staff provide information to schools regarding gifted screening/evaluation process for inclusion in school newsletters/websites ……..Summer 2016

2. Deadline to request gifted screening (submitted to school counselor)…….Referrals may be submitted as needed.

3. Letter to parents of 2nd grade students regarding screening date to be sent home with students ……..9/30/2016

4. Screening of all 2nd grade students (coordinated by counselors and psychologists)……10/10-14/2016

5. Screening of students at all other grade levels (completed by school counselors) …… as requested

6. School staff send letters to parents of 2nd grade students who qualify for further evaluation (re: screening results, to include Parent Consent for Evaluation and Procedural Safeguards)……11/7-10/2016

7. School counselors complete all 2nd grade referrals and submit to school psychologists ……. 11/22/2016

8. Deadline for submission of private evaluations to school counselors……..no deadline, accepted throughout year

9. School counselors complete all referrals on private evaluations and submit to school psychologists…….as received

10. All second grade gifted evaluations completed ……..2/24/2017

11. Determination of eligibility of 2nd grade evaluations completed ……4/11/2017

12. District staff mails letters to parents of 2nd graders (re: evaluation results)…….. 4/13/2017

13. School staff host EP meetings with parents of 2nd graders……4/13/2017 to 5/11/2017

<u>Individual Screening for Gifted</u>

Anyone, at any time, may request screening for gifted. Gifted screening is completed by the school counselor. The Kaufman Brief Intelligence Test (K-BIT) is used as an individual screener. Additionally, a teacher who knows the student must complete a teacher checklist of characteristics as part of a referral. This checklist has 20 items and a simple majority (11) must be checked. After screening and checklist are completed, the school counselor will obtain parent consent for evaluation. Screening results, teacher checklist and consent make up the gifted referral. This is then sent to the school psychologist for further testing using the Reynolds Intellectual Assessment Scales (RIAS) or a similar individually administered test of cognitive ability. Students must score 130 or higher on this test (two standard deviations above the mean (97%) or higher). (Note: Kindergarten is the earliest we can identify gifted students.)

<u>Mass Second Grade Screening</u>

The gifted screening that is done at 2nd grade uses the Otis Lennon School Abilities Test (OLSAT) and is usually administered in October. Teachers administer this test to their whole class at the same time. Students who meet eligibility using this screener are then referred for further individual testing by one of our school psychologists. Checklist and consent must be gathered. (Note: This test sometimes does not identify truly gifted students and conversely sometimes the screener sends students to further testing who do not score in the gifted range).