

## GALACTIC Screening Procedure for 1<sup>st</sup> Grade

The GALACTIC Program has developed a systematic screening procedure in order to identify gifted students in the early elementary years. As teachers of the gifted, we believe that early identification of gifted students is crucial. This screening procedure was developed after extensive research in early identification of the gifted. In addition, we continue to improve our procedure through analysis and evaluation of specific action research.

**Classroom Screening Procedures:** The current classroom screening procedure consists of 4 parts administered by the teacher of the gifted: Creative Drawing, Pattern Block Completion, Logic/Analogies, and Observation of Gifted Characteristics During Screening Procedures. **ALL first grade students in Hazelwood School District are screened for the gifted program. 1<sup>st</sup> grade screening begins in August.**

ALL students in 1<sup>st</sup> grade are given the CREATIVE DRAW and LOGIC/ANALOGIES prompts.

**\*\*\*Student scores from the first two subtests are shared with the student's classroom teacher. Students who have shown potential on the first two activities or in the classroom setting continue on in the classroom screening procedure.**

High potential students are administered the Pattern Block Completion activity and rated using the Observation of Gifted Characteristics scale.

**Students who score at least 8 out of 12 possible points are screened further for the GALACTIC Program.**

**Identification Procedure:** Students must meet criteria on both standardized tests used by the Hazelwood School District to be placed in the Identification Matrix.

1. **Test of Reasoning:** Students must score in at least the 90<sup>th</sup> percentile to be tested further for the gifted program.
2. **TEST of GENERAL MENTAL ABILITY:** A test of general mental ability is administered individually to students. Students must score in at least the 95<sup>th</sup> percentile in order to be considered for the gifted program.

**\*\*\*Students who meet the aforementioned criteria are put into the GALACTIC Identification Matrix. Currently, students must have a combined score of 7 points to be considered for the program.**