GALACTIC Screening Procedure for 1st Grade

The GALACTIC Program has developed a systematic screening procedure in order to identify students eligible for gifted programming in the early elementary years. This screening procedure was developed after extensive research in early identification of the gifted. In addition, it is continuously reviewed and updated to account for the analysis and evaluation of specific action research. All screening and identification of gifted services in the Hazelwood School District are aligned with the guidelines set forth by the Missouri Department of Elementary and Secondary Education.

<u>Classroom Screening Procedures</u>: The current classroom screening procedure consists of four parts administered by the teacher of the gifted: Creative Drawing, Logic/Analogies, Visual/Spatial, and Observation of Gifted Characteristics during Screening Procedures. <u>ALL first-grade</u> students in Hazelwood School District are screened for the gifted program. 1st grade screening begins in August/September.

ALL students in 1st grade are given the CREATIVE DRAW and LOGIC/ANALOGIES prompts. (State criterion 3) ***Student scores from the first 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. (State criterion 4) High potential students are administered the Visual/Spatial activity and rated using the Observation of Gifted Characteristics scale. (State criterion 3)

Identification Procedure: Students must meet criteria on <u>both</u> standardized tests used by the Hazelwood School District in order to qualify for the gifted program.

1. Test of Reasoning: Students must currently score at least 113 (State criterion 3)

 <u>TEST of GENERAL MENTAL ABILITY</u>: A four part test of general mental ability is administered individually to students. Students must score in at least the 95th percentile to qualify for the gifted program. (State criterion 1) Students who score at least 6 out of 9 possible points are screened further for the GALACTIC Program.