

## **Talented Music Screening**

The Talented Music Program strives to develop the student's natural abilities through the study and application of a musical theory and performance that will nurture the student's own unique musical style. Musically gifted and talented students require differentiated opportunities beyond the regular school program.



### **SCREENING A STUDENT FOR TALENT**

- A student is identified by his/her regular or special education teacher as having artistic needs which are not being met in the class in which the student is enrolled.
- The classroom teacher may want to read the Special Education talent handout "Characteristics of a Talented Student" before actually screening for talent in her class. This will provide some examples of behavior displayed by those who have exceptional ability in the arts.
- After the teacher has identified one or more students who appear to excel in a particular arts area, the appropriate talent screening instrument obtained from special education is completed by the teacher.
- Every item on the screening instrument receiving a score of four or higher must be documented with examples, or samples, of the student's work, whichever is more appropriate.
- The screening teacher then presents the completed screening instrument and documentation to the GT Site Coordinator where the child is enrolled.
- The screening is reviewed it is determined if the student is eligible for a full evaluation in talent according to Bulletin 1508 screening criteria.

- If it is determined that the student is eligible for a full evaluation, the GT site coordinator and pupil appraisal office of special education will complete evaluation paperwork and get a testing date @ the Goodwood Center.
- The evaluation coordinator initiates the process for a full evaluation.

### **CHARACTERISTICS OF MUSICALLY TALENTED STUDENTS**

- Shows a sustained interest in music and performing
- Has a good ear for differentiating pitch, rhythm, and tone.
- Exceptional ability in music
- Intense appreciation of music
- Highly creative thinking and vivid imagination
- Is self-disciplined and has intense power of concentration
- Feels driven to work on task until complete
- Can play a musical instrument with very little help or instruction

**After screening, someone will contact you with the results.**