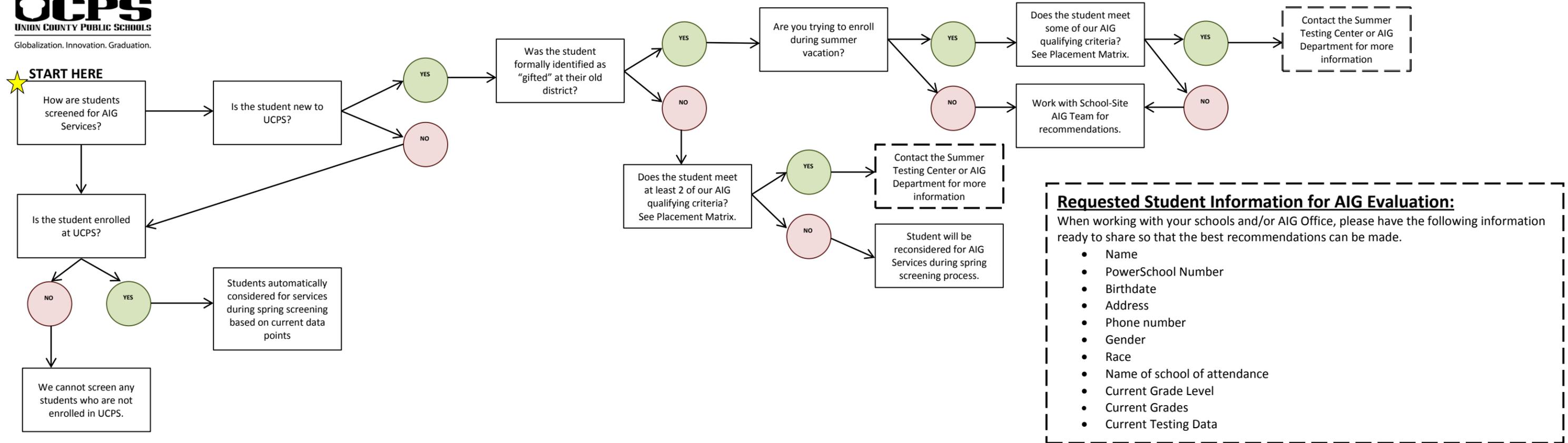


Screening Process for Academically Intellectually Gifted Services



Frequently Asked Questions:

My child is in the gifted program in their current school. Will they be placed in the gifted program when we transfer to Union County? Not automatically. Since gifted services in UCPS focus on the specific academic areas of reading and math, it is necessary that our local criteria for placement be met. Once enrolled, the AIG teacher will review your child's records and see if any additional testing is necessary. If so, it will be scheduled as soon as possible. Please be sure to bring a copy of your most recent report card and the results of any nationally standardized tests taken within the past 12 calendar months when you enroll.

How does a student qualify for gifted services in Union County?

Each student must qualify via one of the three pathways explained on our local criteria matrix. See our website for more information, <http://aig.ucps.k12.nc.us/>.

How do I get my child evaluated for gifted services?

During the school year:

If your child is currently enrolled in UCPS they will automatically be screened and evaluated for gifted services near the end of each school year (grades 3-7). If testing is needed, you will receive a form to sign from the AIG teacher requesting your permission to test. If your child is a new student, entering UCPS from another school, when you enroll, please request an AIG evaluation and provide the most recent report card and standardized test scores. The AIG teacher will contact you. AIG evaluation does not guarantee further testing at the time of the request.

During the summer:

Once enrolled, please request an AIG evaluation at the school. You will be directed to contact the AIG office or Summer Testing Center for further assistance. The AIG office will ask you to provide via fax or hard copy the most recent report card and any standardized test scores taken within the last 12 calendar months. See information box above with dashed line for a complete list of requested student information needed to complete an AIG evaluation. AIG evaluation does not guarantee further testing at the time of the request.

When are UCPS students screened for the AIG program?

All students in grades 3-7 are screened annually in the Spring for candidacy for gifted services for the following school year. AIG evaluation does not guarantee further testing. If further testing is warranted the testing window is limited to no more than once during the year. Testing administered after the end of the first semester will assist in the qualification process for the following school year.

How can I help my child prepare for the testing required?

The best preparation is a good night's sleep, breakfast in the morning and a positive, non-pressured attitude. There is no advantage to trying to review or otherwise study for these tests. It is much better for the student to be relaxed and focused, rather than nervous and worried.