

Gifted Education Identification

The State of Ohio revised the Operating Standards for Identification and Service of Gifted Students in March 2008. Ohio law does not mandate services for gifted students. Each school district must determine what services will be provided as well as the criteria that a student must meet in order to qualify for such services/programs.

Identification of Gifted Students

“Gifted” means students who perform or show potential for performing at remarkably high levels of accomplishment when compared to others of their age, experience, or environment.

Superior Cognitive Identification

A child shall be identified as exhibiting “superior cognitive ability” if the child scored 128 or above on an ability test or a standardized test of Intelligence within the last 24 months.

Specific Academic Identification

A child shall be identified as exhibiting “specific academic ability” if the child performs at or above the ninety-fifth percentile on a nationally-normed achievement test within the last 24 months.

Creative Thinking Ability

A child shall be identified as exhibiting “creative thinking ability” if the child scored a 115 on an ability or intelligence test and a sufficient score on an ODE-approved checklist.

Visual and Performing Arts

A child shall be identified as exhibiting “visual or performing arts ability” by demonstrating through a display of work, an audition, or performance with superior ability and a sufficient score on an ODE-approved checklist.

Gifted Education District Criteria for Direct Services

Tier I

I36 Ability Score on a standardized ability test

*Student automatically receives direct services
from the Gifted Specialist.*

Tier II

I32 Ability Composite Score on a standardized ability test

and 92% or above on a nationally-normed
achievement test in Reading and Math

Tier III

I30 Ability Composite Score on a standardized ability test

and 95% or above on a nationally-normed
achievement test in Reading and Math

Nordonia Gifted Services

Grades K - 2

In grades K-2, high-ability learners will be cluster-grouped in classrooms and receive differentiated instruction from their classroom teachers with support from the Gifted Specialist.

Grades 3 - 4

In grades 3 - 4, identified gifted students who meet the “District Criteria for Direct Services” will receive direct services in all subject content areas from the Gifted Specialist.

Grades 5 - 6

In grades 5 - 6, identified gifted students who meet district criteria will receive direct services in all subject content areas from the Gifted Specialist.

Grades 6 - 8

In grades 6 - 8 identified gifted students who meet the district criteria will participate in enrichment classes with a Gifted Specialist.

Grades 9 - 12

There are many options to participate in challenging coursework and extra-curricular activities. Please see the high school course catalog and the guidance department for details.

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