

How Is My Student Identified?

Identification Process

- All students are screened using standardized tests approved by the state of Ohio in grades two and four. Families are notified of the results by mail. Diagnostic scores used for progress monitoring in grades K-8 are also used to determine specific academic identification starting in grade 2.
- Students may also be individually tested based on a referral from a student, parent, teacher, gifted specialist or administrator. Testing sessions are arranged by gifted specialists in collaboration with teachers in order to reduce missed instructional time. Results are reported by mail within thirty days.
- Referral forms can be accessed on the website or at your school's office.
- *Once identified, always identified.* A student's identification will remain permanent regardless of future test scores.
- Refer to the Identification Process and Assessment Tools for more details on gifted qualifications.

Types of Identification

- **Specific Academic:**
 - The student achieves a composite score of 95% or above in one or more subject areas on an achievement test and approximately 50% on an aptitude/above level test.
- **Superior Cognitive:**
 - The student has a composite score of 95% or above in all subject areas on an achievement test, or the student has a score of two standard deviations above the mean on a standardized, approved cognitive test.
- **Visual Performing Arts:**
 - Evaluations are available in all grades at the end of the year in music, art, and physical education to identify gifted students. Notification serves as an informational piece for parents.
- **Creative Thinking:**
 - Based on cognitive tests given in grades 2 and 4 or through a referral, students are eligible to be identified as demonstrating creative thinking. A student will be rated on an instrument approved by the Ohio Department of Education.

What Can I Do If I Think My Child Might Be Gifted?

- Have a conversation with your child's teacher. Share your observations and exchange information about your child's learning needs.
- Initiate a referral by accessing the referral form and returning it to your child's teacher.
- Contact Gifted Services to speak with a specialist about your child and available options.
- Review the Gifted Services website for resources, links, books, character traits of gifted children, and/or assistance with the referral process.
- Join the local parenting group that supports gifted advocacy.