

**HIGHLAND LOCAL SCHOOL DISTRICT  
PLAN FOR THE IDENTIFICATION AND SERVICE  
OF CHILDREN WHO ARE GIFTED**

**DEFINITION**

“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 and who are identified under division (A), (B), (C), or (D) of section 3324.03 of the Ohio Revised Code.

**DISTRICT IDENTIFICATION PLAN**

The district accepts referrals, screens and identifies, or screens and reassesses students who perform or show potential for performing at high levels of accomplishment in the areas of superior cognitive ability, specific academic ability, creative thinking ability, and/or visual and/or performing arts. The district must follow policy and procedures established in Ohio Administrative Code 3301-51-15. These rules specify that assessment instruments must come from the list approved by the Ohio Department of Education.

**Superior Cognitive Ability**

**Assessments the district administers that provide for superior cognitive identification (provide at least two for assessment and reassessment purposes):**

**Cognitive Abilities Test (CogAT), Form 7;** grades 2-5, 7. Screening (125), Identification (128 grades 3-5, 7).

**Wechsler Preschool and Primary Scale of Intelligence-Fourth Edition.** Screening (125), Identification (127)

**Otis Lennon School Ability Test (OLSAT), 8<sup>th</sup> edition,** grades 3-5, 7. Screening (125), Identification (126).

**Differential Ability Scales, 2<sup>nd</sup> edition,** grades K-12. Identification (126).

**Wechsler Intelligence Scale for Children (WISC-V), 5<sup>th</sup> edition,** grades K-12. Screening (125), Identification (127).

**Specific Academic**

**Assessments the district administers that provide for specific academic identification (provide at least two for assessment and reassessment purposes):**

**Iowa Assessments, Form E** grades 2,4,5,7.

**Stanford Achievement Test – 10<sup>th</sup> Edition,** grades 4, 5, 7

**Woodcock-Johnson III NU, Form C,** grades K-12.

**Wechsler Individual Achievement Test,** grades K-12.

For all tests: Screening (94<sup>th</sup>ile), Identification (95<sup>th</sup>ile).

**Creative Thinking Ability**

**Assessments the district administers that provide for creative thinking identification (provide at least two for assessment and reassessment purposes):**

**\*Requires a cognitive test and a checklist.**  
**COGNITIVE TESTS**  
**Cognitive Abilities Test (CogAT)**, Form 7; grades 2 - 5, 7. Screening (111), Identification (112).  
**Wechsler Intelligence Scale for Children (WISC-V)**, 5<sup>th</sup> edition, grades K-12. Screening (111), Identification (112).  
**Differential Ability Scales**, 2<sup>nd</sup> edition, grades K-12. Identification (111).  
**TESTS OF CREATIVE ABILITY**  
**Gifted and Talented Evaluation Scale (GATES)**, grades 2 & 6, Creative Thinking Section IV, grades K-12. Screening (65), Identification (83).  
**Scales for Rating the Behavior Characteristics of Superior Students (SRBCSS)**, Creativity: Part II, grades 3-12. Screening (48), Identification (51).

**Visual and Performing Arts**

**Assessments the district administers that provide for visual and performing arts identification (provide at least two for each arts area for assessment and reassessment purposes):**

**\*Requires a checklist and product or performance assessment/ audition.**  
**Gifted and Talented Evaluation Scale (GATES)**, Visual or Performing Arts: Section 5, Items 41-50, grades K-12. Screening (57), Identification (78).  
**Scales for Rating the Behavior Characteristics of Superior Students (SRBCSS)**, Artistic: Part V, Musical: Part V, Drama Part VII, grades K-12. Screening (Art=59, Music=37, Drama=54), Identification (Art=61, Music=39, Drama=57).  
**Ohio Department of Education Display of Work, Audition, or Performance, grades K-12.** Screening (Art=16-20, Music=14-17, Drama 16-19, Dance=20-25), Identification (Art=21-24, Music=18-21, Drama=20-24, Dance=26-30).

**IDENTIFICATION PROCESS**

The district ensures there are ample and appropriate scheduling procedures for assessments and reassessment using:

<b>Type of Assessment</b>	<b>Content Area(s)</b>	<b>Grade Level(s)</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Whole-grade tests</li> </ul>	Superior Cog, R, M	2 (Sup Cog, R & M), 3 (Sup Cog), 4 (R & M), 7 (Sup Cog, R, M)
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Individually-administered tests</li> </ul>	All	All upon referral
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Audition, performance</li> </ul>	Music, Drama, Dance	All upon referral
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Display of work</li> </ul>	Visual Art	All upon referral
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Checklists</li> </ul>	VPA, Creative Thinking	All upon referral

**Referral**

The district shall provide at least two opportunities each year for assessment in the case of children requesting assessment or recommended for assessment by teachers, parents or other children.

Children may be referred in writing on an ongoing basis, based on the following:

- Child request (self-referral);
- Teacher recommendation;
- Parent/guardian request;
- Child referral of peer; and
- Other (e.g., psychologist, community members, principal, gifted coordinator, etc.)

Upon receipt of a referral, the district will:

- Follow the process as outlined in this plan; and
- Notify parents of results of screening or assessment and identification within 30 days.

#### Equal Access to Services

In addition to the district provided tests, we will accept the results of outside testing for any assessments approved by the Ohio Department of Education at any grade level when the assessment occurs. We use only the allowable scores from the Ohio Department of Education. Identification can be from one test score and identifies the student for the entire K-12 experience. Students receive all accommodations from their IEP and 504 plans on screening and identification assessments. We will use the testing providers' recommendations when assessing underrepresented populations. Gifted Services are available to all qualifying students.

#### Screening

The district ensures equal access to screening and further assessment of all district children, including culturally or linguistically diverse children, children from low socio-economic backgrounds, children with disabilities and children for whom English is a second language.

#### Identification

When the screening assessment has been completed, if the data obtained is from an approved identification instrument and the score meets cut-off scores specified in department of education guidance, the identification decision is made and student's educational needs are determined. Identification scores remain in effect for the remainder of the student's K-12 school experience.

#### Reassessment

When the screening assessment has been completed, if the data is from an approved screening instrument or from an identification instrument on which the student is within a district-specified range below the identification score, re-assessment for possible identification occurs.

#### Out of District Scores

The district accepts scores on assessment instruments approved for use by the Ohio Department of Education at the time of transfer, provided by other schools and/or trained personnel outside the school district.

#### Transfer

The district ensures that any child transferring into the district will be assessed within 90 days of the transfer at the request of the parent. Parents shall contact the building principal.

#### Appeal Procedure

An appeal by the parent is the reconsideration of the result of any part of the identification process, which would include:

- Screening procedure or assessment instrument (which results in identification);
- The scheduling of children for assessment;
- The placement of a student in any program; and
- Receipt of services.

Parents should submit a letter to the superintendent or designee outlining the nature of the concern. The superintendent or designee will convene a meeting with the parent/guardian, which may include other school personnel. The superintendent or designee will issue a written final decision within 30 days of the appeal. This written notice should include the reason for the decision(s).

DISTRICT SERVICE PLAN

The district ensures equal opportunity for all district students identified as gifted to receive any services offered by the district for which the student meets the criteria. **(Include all formal services provided by the district.)**

District Name for Service	Service Setting	Grade Level	Criteria for Service	Service Provider
	<b>Guidance Services</b>			
Enriched ELA, Honors	<b>Regular Classroom Cluster Group (Honors at the HS)</b>	3-4 6-10	95% Reading or Gifted ID from an approved cognitive test	Regular classroom teachers with HQPD and ongoing support from gifted trained educator
Enriched Math, Gifted, Honors	<b>Regular Classroom Cluster Group</b>	5-10	95% math or cognitive ID	Regular classroom teachers with HQPD and ongoing support from gifted trained educator
AP	<b>Regular Classroom AP</b>	9-12	95% in academic area of course or superior cognitive identification	AP trained classroom teachers with ongoing support from gifted trained educator
Subject Acceleration	<b>Regular Classroom Subject Acceleration</b>	any	Meets criteria through the Iowa Acceleration Scale and parent approval after a six week successful trial.	Regular classroom teachers with HQPD and ongoing support from gifted trained educator
Whole Grade Acceleration/Early Entrance to Kindergarten	<b>Regular Classroom Whole Grade Acceleration</b>	any	Meets criteria through the Iowa Acceleration Scale and parent approval after a six week successful trial.	Regular classroom teachers with HQPD and ongoing support from gifted trained educator

### Written Education Plans

When students identified as gifted are reported to parents and the Ohio Department of Education as served, they must have a Written Education Plan in compliance with the *Operating Standards for Identifying and Serving Gifted Students*.

### Withdrawal

If at any time a student wishes to withdraw from gifted programs or services the request should be written by the parent or child to the building administrator. If children request to withdraw, parents will be notified.

### DISTRICT ENRICHMENT PLAN

Enrichments are activities purposely designed to expose students to a wide variety of disciplines, issues, occupations, hobbies, persons, places and/or events. They may expand the scope of the regular curriculum or introduce topics not covered in the general education program. Any staff member may be the originator of enrichment, and the student audience will vary depending on interest and ability. Enrichments are not reported to the Ohio Department of Education as gifted services.

### IDENTIFICATION AND SERVICE PLAN APPROVAL

District identification and service plans must be submitted to the Ohio Department of Education as a part of the annual self-report. The department will review the plans within 60 days of submission. Changes in identification and/or service plan procedures must be reported to the Ohio Department of Education immediately upon revision. The department will review and notify the district within 60 days of receipt of revisions.

For questions please contact the Coordinator of Gifted Services at (330) 239-1901 ext 1218