

SCREENING AND IDENTIFICATION SCORES

Superior Cognitive Ability:

Cognitive Abilities Test (Form 7) VQN Composite (CogAT):

Grades K, 3, 7-12: Screening 124 Identification 127

Grades 1-2, 4-6: Screening 125 Identification 128

Naglieri Nonverbal Ability Test 3rd Ed.:

Grades K-4: Screening 123 Identification 126

Grade 5-7: Screening 122 Identification 125

Grades 8-10: Screening 123 Identification 126

Grades 11-12: Screening 124 Identification 127

Wechsler Intelligence Scale for Children 5th Edition (WISC-V):

Grades K-12: Screening 122 Identification 127

Specific Academic Ability:

Iowa Assessments (1-12): Screening 93%ile Identification 95%ile

Stanford 10 Achievement Test:

Screening 93%ile Identification 95%ile

Terra Nova Achievement Test (Grades 5-8):

Screening 93%ile Identification 95%ile

Creative Thinking:

Scales for Rating the Behavior Characteristics of Superior Students (SRBCSS)

Creative Thinking Checklist: Screening 48 Identification 51

And

Cognitive Abilities Test: Identification 111 (Grades K-1) or 112 (Grades 2-12)

Naglieri Nonverbal Ability Test 3rd Ed.:

Grades K-4, 8-10: Identification 110

Grades 5-7: Identification 109

Grades 11-12: Identification 111

Wechsler Intelligence Scale for Children 5th Edition (WISC-V): Identification 112

Visual / Performing Arts:

Display of Work, Audition or Performance: ODE Rubric

Art Display: Screening 16 Identification 21

Musical performance: Screening 14 Identification 18

Drama performance: Screening 16 Identification 20

Dance audition: Screening 20 Identification 26

And

Scales for Rating the Behavior Characteristics of Superior Students (K-12):

Art Checklist: Screening 59 Identification 61

Musical Checklist: Screening 37 Identification 39

Drama Checklist: Screening 54 Identification 57

AMANDA-CLEARCREEK LOCAL SCHOOLS DISTRICT POLICY FOR THE IDENTIFICATION AND SERVICE OF STUDENTS WHO ARE GIFTED

Information for Parents



2021-2022

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IDENTIFICATION

The district follows Ohio Revised Code 3324.01-07 (law) and Ohio Administrative Code 3301-51-15 (rule).

Student, teacher, parent, and peer referrals are accepted at all grade levels for individual screening. Referrals are taken for testing in both the fall and spring. Referral forms can be found in all school building main offices and on the district website..

Whole grade screening for Superior Cognitive Ability, Reading, Math, and Creative Thinking Ability will take place in Grade 2. Additional whole grade screening will take place in Grade 5 (Superior Cognitive Ability, Reading, Math, Science, Social Studies, and Creative Thinking Ability). The district ensures equal access to screening and further assessment to all district children, including culturally or linguistically diverse children, children from low socioeconomic backgrounds, children with disabilities, and children for whom English is a second language. ELL students will be assessed in their native language if requested, and students with physical and sensory needs will be assessed with appropriate modifications. Tests are administered by qualified educators. By using tests from the ODE approved list the district ensures that the tests are valid for all special populations. The district ensures that any child transferring into the district will be assessed within 90 days of the transfer if requested by the parent. Outside testing data that follows the guidelines of ORC 3324.01-07 and OAC 3301-51-15 shall be accepted for identification and service. Parents will receive written notice of all testing results.

Identification appeals may be directed to the district Superintendent.

SERVICES

The district serves students in Grades 3-5 who are identified as gifted in the area(s) of Superior Cognitive Ability, Math, and/or Reading within a cluster group in the regular classroom, taught by the regular classroom teacher, on a daily basis. Students in Grades 6-8 who are identified in the areas of Superior Cognitive Ability, Reading, Science, Social Studies, and/or Creative Thinking are served within a cluster group, taught by the regular classroom teacher. Students in Grades 6-8 who are identified in the areas of Superior Cognitive and/or Mathematics are served within a cluster group in Math, taught by the regular classroom teacher. In Grade 7, eligible students may take Algebra I as an accelerated course, and in Grade 8, students may take either Algebra I or Geometry as an accelerated course. Honors, Advanced Placement, and College Credit Plus courses are available at our high school with services available for gifted students. Students may be eligible for services through early entrance, subject and whole-grade acceleration, or early graduation. All regular classroom teachers receive guidance and professional development in gifted education per the requirements of the revised Gifted Operating Standards. Acceleration referrals are addressed following the district policy using the Iowa Acceleration Scale.

Withdrawal from the program is available with written parent request. Placement appeals may be directed to the district Superintendent.

WRITTEN EDUCATION PLANS

All students who receive gifted services will have a Written Education Plan. The plan will include a description of services, individual student goals, progress monitoring methods and schedules, staff responsible for services, policies regarding waiver of assignments and review dates and deadlines for the next WEP. All services will match the areas of identification. Parents and all staff responsible for implementing services will receive copies of the WEP by the end of the first nine weeks. Corrections and additions will be made as needed and re-submitted to staff and parents.

WRITTEN ACCELERATION PLANS

When students are accelerated, such as early entrance to kindergarten or acceleration in middle school mathematics, a Written Acceleration Plan will be developed. This plan must specify the placement of the student in an accelerated setting as well as strategies to support a successful transition to the setting.

AREAS OF IDENTIFICATION

SUPERIOR COGNITIVE ABILITY

A child shall be identified as exhibiting "superior cognitive ability" if the child did either of the following within the preceding twenty-four months: Scored at or above two standard deviations, on an approved individual standardized intelligence test administered by a licensed psychologist; **or** Scored at or above two standard deviations on an approved standardized group intelligence test **or** Performed at or above the ninety-fifth percentile on an approved individual or group standardized basic or composite battery of a nationally normed achievement test, **or** Attained an approved score on one or more above grade-level standardized, nationally normed approved tests.

SPECIFIC ACADEMIC ABILITY

A child shall be identified as exhibiting "specific academic ability" superior to that of children of similar age in a specific academic ability field if within the preceding twenty-four months the child performs at or above the ninety-fifth percentile at national level on an approved individual or group standardized achievement test of specific academic ability in that field. A child may be identified as gifted in more than one specific academic area: Math or Reading /Writing or Science or Social Studies

CREATIVE THINKING ABILITY

A child shall be identified as exhibiting "creative thinking ability" superior to children of a similar age based on the two criteria: **1)** Within the preceding twenty-four months, the child scored at or above one standard deviation on an approved individual or group intelligence test; **and 2)** Either attained a sufficient score, as established by the department of education, on an approved individual or group test of creative ability; **or** exhibited sufficient performance on an approved checklist of creative behaviors.

VISUAL OR PERFORMING ARTS ABILITY

A child shall be identified as exhibiting "visual or performing arts ability" superior to that of children of similar age if the child has done both of the following: Demonstrated to a trained individual through a display of work, an audition, or other performance or exhibition, superior ability in a visual or performing arts area **and** exhibited to a trained individual sufficient performance on an approved checklist of behaviors related to a specific arts area.