

Lowellville Local School District

Gifted Education Plan

Identification Procedures & District Service Options

1. The district process for assessing students for gifted education, including:

a. The criteria and methods the district uses to screen and select students for further assessment for gifted identification;

Lowellville 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. Lowellville follows 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.

b. Names of approved testing instruments, behavioral checklists, and rubrics administered to students to determine giftedness in all areas of identification recognized under Ohio law:

Superior Cognitive Ability

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

Assessment	Screen Score	ID Score	Special Notes
Cognitive Abilities Test (CogAT), 7th Edition	VQN: Grades K, 3, 7-12: 125 Grades 1-2, 4-6: 126 QN: Grades 5, 7-12: 125 Grades 3-4, 6: 126 VN: Grades K, 3, 7-10: 124 Grade 1: 123 Grades 2, 4-6, 11-12: 125	VQN: Grades K, 3, 7-12: 127 Grades 1-2, 4-6: 128 QN: Grades 5, 7-12: 127 Grades 3-4, 6: 128 VN: Grades K, 3, 7-10: 126 Grade 1: 125 Grades 2, 4-6, 11-12: 127	Online or paper administration Use QN composite for students in grades 3-12 English Learners and students with SLD in reading Use VN composite for K-12 students with SLD in math
InView Cognitive Abilities Assessment	Grades 2-12 126	Grades 2-12 128	Online or paper administration

Specific Academic Ability

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

Assessment	Screen Score	ID Score	Special Notes
The Iowa Assessments, Core Battery, Form F	Grades 1-12 93rd percentile	Grades 1-12 95th percentile	Online or paper administration Reading and Math Only
The Iowa Assessments, Complete Battery, Form F	Grades K-12 93rd percentile	Grades K-12 95th percentile	Online or paper administration Grade K: Reading and Math Only
Star Reading	Grades 3-12 93rd percentile	Grades 3-12 95th percentile	Reading only
Stanford Achievement Test, 10th Edition, Complete Battery	Grades K-12 93rd percentile	Grades K-12 95th percentile	Online or paper administration Grades K-3 Reading and Math Only
The ACT	Grade 11 93rd percentile	Grade 11 95th percentile	Online or paper administration Math, Reading, English, Science, Writing

Creative Thinking Ability

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

Assessment	Screen Score	ID Score	Special Notes
Cognitive Abilities Test (CogAT), 7th Edition	VQN Composite Gr. K-1: 109 Gr. 2-12: 110 QN Composite Gr. 3-12: 110 VN Composite Gr. K: 108 Gr. 1-12: 109	VQN Composite Gr. K-1: 111 Gr. 2-12: 112 QN Composite Gr. 3-12: 112 VN Composite Gr. K: 110 Gr. 1-12: 111	Use QN composite for students in grades 3-12 English Learners and students with SLD in reading Use VN composite for K-12 students with SLD in math
InView Cognitive Abilities Assessment	Grades 2-12 110	Grades 2-12 112	Online or paper administration
AND (if student has a qualifying score above)			

Gifted Rating Scales (GRS) – Checklist Creativity Scales	Ages: 4-13.11 Grades K-8 Score of 60-65	Ages: 4-13.11 Grades K-8 Score of 66	Creativity scales only
Scales for Rating the Behavior Characteristics of Superior Students (SRBCSS) – Checklist Part II Creativity	Grades: K-12 48-50	Grades: K-12 51	Part II Creativity only
Scales for Identifying Gifted Students (SIGS)- Checklist Creativity Scales	Grades K-12 110-119	Grades K-12 120	Creativity scales only

Visual and Performing Arts

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

VPA: Dance

Assessment	Screen Score	ID Score	Special Notes
GRS (Gifted Rating Scales) - Checklist Artistic Scales	Grades K-8 Ages 4.0-13.11 T score: 60-65	Grades K-8 Ages 4.0-13.11 T score: 66	Grades K-8 only
Gifted & Talented Evaluation Scales-2 (GATES-2) Checklist Artistic Talent Section, Questions 41-50	Grades 9-12 Ages: 14 & up Standard Score of 90-110	Grades 9-12 Ages: 14 & up Standard Score of 111	Grades 9-12: Dance only
Ohio Checklist of Artistic Behavior - DANCE	Grades 9-12 Ages: 14 & up Score: 29-31	Grades 9-12 Ages: 14 & up Score: 32	Grades 9-12: Dance only
AND (if student has a qualifying score above)			
Ohio Department of Education Visual and Performing Arts Evaluation Rubric: Dance	Grades: K-12 20-25	Grades: K-12 26	

VPA: Drama

Assessment	Screen Score	ID Score	Special Notes
GRS (Gifted Rating Scales) - Checklist Artistic Scales	Grades K-8 T score: 60-65	Grades K-8: T score: 66	Grades K-8 only
OR			
Scales for Rating the Behavioral Characteristics of Superior Students- SRBCSS Checklist Part VII: Dramatic Characteristics	Raw Score: 54-56	Raw Score: 57	Grades K-12
AND (if student has a qualifying score above)			
Ohio Department of Education Visual and	Grades: K-12	Grades: K-12	

Performing Arts Evaluation Rubric: Drama/Theatre	16 -19	20	
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VPA: Music (Instrumental and/or Vocal)

Assessment	Screen Score	ID Score	Special Notes
GRS (Gifted Rating Scales) - Checklist Artistic Scales	Grades K-8 T score: 60-65	Grades K-8: T score: 66	Grades K-8 only
OR			
Scales for Rating the Behavioral Characteristics of Superior Students- SRBCSS Checklist Part VI: Musical Characteristics	Raw Score: 37-38	Raw Score: 39	Grades K-12
AND (if student has a qualifying score above)			
Ohio Department of Education Visual and Performing Arts Evaluation Rubric: Music	Grades: K-12 14-17	Grades: K-12 18	

VPA: Visual Art

Assessment	Screen Score	ID Score	Special Notes
GRS (Gifted Rating Scales) - Checklist Artistic Scales	Grades K-8 T score: 60-65	Grades K-8: T score: 66	Grades K-8 only
OR			
Scales for Rating the Behavioral Characteristics of Superior Students- SRBCSS Checklist Part V: Artistic Characteristics	Raw Score: 59-60	Raw Score: 61	Grades K-12
AND (if student has a qualifying score above)			
Ohio Department of Education Visual and Performing Arts Evaluation Rubric: Visual Art	Grades: K-12 16-20	Grades: K-12 21	

2. The grade levels and areas for which districts administer required whole-grade screenings;

Type of Assessment	Content Area(s)	Grade Level(s)
Whole-Grade Assessments	Superior Cognitive and Creative Thinking	2, 6
Whole-Grade Assessments	Reading and Math	2, 6
Whole-Grade Assessments	Reading only	3-6

The ACT	Math, Reading, English, Science, Writing	11
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3. Scheduling procedures for administering assessments for the identification of students who are gifted to include students referred for testing (including transfer students) and equitable testing practices to ensure inclusion of students from traditionally underrepresented populations; and

Scheduling Procedures for Administering Assessments

Lowellville notifies parents for/of:

- Scheduling of assessments, including whole-grade screenings
- Assessment results (within 30 days of receipt)
- Appeals procedures related to assessments and results

Equitable Testing Guidance

- Lowellville uses allowable student IEP and 504 accommodations. If a particular test does not allow for their use, Lowellville does select a comparable approved test.
- Lowellville uses or eliminates subtests as specified on the Chart of Approved Assessments and Gifted Identification FAQ.
- Lowellville selects instruments that allow for equitable identification of underrepresented populations (Minority students; Students who are economically disadvantaged; Students with disabilities; and English learners.)
- Lowellville does not alter identification criteria other than that established in the Ohio Revised Code and Ohio Administrative Code.

4. Assurances that districts will accept qualifying scores from approved assessments obtained from outside of the district.

Out of District Scores

Lowellville accepts scores, completed within the preceding 24 months on assessment instruments approved for use by the Ohio Department of Education, provided by other schools and/or trained personnel outside the school district.

d. The process for making a referral, including who can refer students for gifted identification assessment; and

Lowellville provides 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.)

e. The process for assessment based upon referrals.

Upon receipt of a referral, Lowellville will:

- Follow the process as outlined in Lowellville’s Gifted Education Policy and

- Notify parents of results of screening or assessment and identification within 30 days.

Screening

Lowellville ensures equal access to screening and further assessment of 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.

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 the 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.

5. District procedures to ensure that all students have equal access to screening and further assessment for gifted identification, including:

a. A general statement of inclusion; and

Lowellville ensures equal access to screening and further assessment of 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.

b. Steps the district takes to ensure equity for traditionally underrepresented populations, particularly:

- i. Minority students;**
- ii. Students who are economically disadvantaged;**
- iii. Students with disabilities; and**
- iv. English learners.**

Lowellville ensures that assessments instruments:

- Are administered by a trained individual in conformance with the instructions provided by their publisher;
- Have been validated for the specific purpose and populations for which they are used and measure the specific area(s) of gifted ability;
- Allow for appropriate screening and identification of minority or disadvantaged students, students with disabilities, and English learners;
- Are provided and administered in the student's native language or other modes of communication if English is a barrier to the student's performance or if requested by the parent;
- Are provided and administered using the accommodations in a student's Individualized Education Program or 504 Plan. If these accommodations are not consistent with a test's allowable accommodations, a comparable approved assessment instrument shall be used; and
- Are selected and administered so as to best ensure that when a test is administered to a student with a disability or impaired sensory, manual or speaking skills, the test results accurately reflect the student's aptitude or achievement level or whatever other factors the test purports to

measure, rather than reflecting the student's disability or impaired sensory, manual or speaking skills.

6. Procedures ensuring equal access for all students identified as gifted to receive any available gifted services.

Lowellville 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.

Students cannot be excluded from services due to:

- Outside scores
- Specific named test
- Specific named grade level
- Most recent test scores

7. The process for students to refuse or withdraw from gifted programs and services.

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.

8. The district-determined scores for reassessment and the process for re-assessing students who meet these scores.

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.

• Superior Cognitive Re-assessment Scores

- Inview Cognitive Abilities Assessment **126**
- Cognitive Abilities Test (CogAT), 7th Edition
 - VQN Composite: Gr. K, 3, 7-12: **125**, Gr. 1-2, 4-6: **126**
 - QN Composite: Gr. 3-4, 6: **126**, Gr. 5, 7-12: **125**
 - The QN composite should be used for identification of English learners and students with serious reading disabilities.
 - VN Composite: Gr. K, 3, 7-10: **124**, Gr. 1: **123**, Gr. 2, 4-6, 11-12: **125**,
 - The VN composite should be used for identification of students with mathematical learning disabilities.

• Achievement Re-assessment Scores

- The Iowa Assessments, Form F **93rd %ile**
- Stanford Achievement Test, 10th Ed., **93rd %ile**
- Star Reading, **93rd %ile**
- The ACT, **93rd %ile**

• Creative Thinking Ability

- CogAT:
 - VQN Composite: Gr. K-1: **109**, Gr. 2-12: **110**
 - QN Composite: Gr. 3-12: **110**
 - The QN composite should be used for identification of English learners and scholars with serious reading disabilities.
 - VN Composite: Gr. K: **108**, Gr. 1-12: **109**
 - The VN composite should be used for identification of scholars with mathematical learning disabilities.

- Inview Cognitive Abilities Assessment, **110**
- GRS, **60-65**
- SRBCSS, **48-50**

9. The process for students transferring into the district to receive services.

Lowellville 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.

- Assigned district personnel reviews incoming student permanent records for the following:
 - Gifted Identification/Testing Records
 - If assessments/scores used are not approved for use by the Ohio Department of Education, then the parent will be contacted.
 - Assessment results approved for use by the Ohio Department of Education to identify giftedness in students
 - Placement of student in services that match, if applicable, the child's identified area

8. A list of district gifted education services offered to students identified as gifted. Please include information about identification areas and grade levels served, as well as the settings where service takes place.

Name for Service	Service Setting	Grade Level	Criteria for Service	Service Provider
Gifted Services	Regular Classroom Cluster Grouping EMIS Code: 205062	K-12	Superior Cognitive ID and/or Reading ID and/or Math ID	General Education Classroom Teacher Collaboration and support between classroom teachers and gifted support personnel.
Gifted Services	Other Service EMIS Code: 205085 This service would be provided to an identified gifted student who is the only child in a classroom.	K-12	Superior Cognitive ID and/or Reading ID and/or Math ID	General Education Classroom Teacher Collaboration and support between classroom teachers and gifted support personnel.
Gifted Services	Honors Classes EMIS Code: 205075	9-12	Superior Cognitive ID and/or Reading ID and/or Math ID	General Education Classroom Teacher Collaboration and support between classroom teachers and gifted support personnel.
Gifted Services	Advanced Placement EMIS Code: 205065	9-12	Superior Cognitive and/or Reading ID and/or Math ID ID	AP Classroom Teacher Collaboration and support between classroom teachers and gifted support personnel.
Gifted Services	College Credit Plus (CCP) course(s) EMIS Code: 205070	9-12	Superior Cognitive and/or Reading ID and/or Math ID ID	General Education Classroom Teacher Collaboration and support between classroom teachers and gifted support personnel.

Gifted Services (Year #1)	Regular classroom with early entrance to kindergarten EMIS Code: 205055	K	Superior Cognitive &/or Related Content ID, Iowa Acceleration Scales, Team Decision	General Education Classroom Teacher Collaboration and support between classroom teachers and gifted support personnel.
Gifted Services (Year #1)	Regular classroom with whole grade acceleration EMIS Code: 20505	K-12	Superior Cognitive &/or Related Content ID, Iowa Acceleration Scales, Team Decision	General Education Classroom Teacher Collaboration and support between classroom teachers and gifted support personnel.
Gifted Services (Year #1)	Regular classroom with subject acceleration EMIS Code: 205052	K-12	Superior Cognitive &/or Related Content ID, Iowa Acceleration Scales, Team Decision	General Education Classroom Teacher Collaboration and support between classroom teachers and gifted support personnel.

9. Methods used for resolving disagreements between parents and the district concerning identification and service placement decisions.

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).

If you have any questions, please call the building principal
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