

GIFTED EDUCATION SUPPORT – CHILD FIND (22 Pa. Code Chapter 16)

The Whitehall-Coplay School District provides gifted education support for exceptional children.

Gifted Education Support Services

If your child is found eligible, a Gifted Individualized Education Plan (GIEP) would be developed that specifically describes the supports and services your child would receive. Whitehall-Coplay School District provides the gifted child with a variety of program services that offer enrichment.

Screening

Through a multifaceted evaluation process, the District systematically reviews multiple sources of information in order to find children who demonstrate gifted qualities. The screening process may include a review of the student's performance on standardized academic achievement testing, class work, performance-based assessments, teacher observation and input, verbal and non verbal measures of intelligence testing, and parental input.

Evaluation

If you believe that your child may qualify for gifted services, a gifted multidisciplinary evaluation (GMDE) will be conducted by a gifted multidisciplinary team (GMDT). The GMDT will be formed on the basis of the student's needs and will be comprised of the student's parents, a certified school psychologist, persons familiar with the student's educational experience and performance, one or more of the student's current teachers, persons trained in the appropriate evaluation techniques and, when possible, persons familiar with the student's cultural background. A single member of the GMDT may meet two or more of the qualifications specified in this subsection. All information gathered through the screening and/or re-evaluation process is considered confidential under Section 438 of the General Education Provisions Act.

Parents who suspect that their child is gifted may request a gifted multidisciplinary evaluation of their child at any time, with a limit of one request per school year. The request shall be in writing. If a parental request is made orally to school personnel, the personnel will inform the parents that the request shall be in writing and will provide the parents with a form for that purpose.

Any questions regarding gifted education supports or services or child-find activities may be directed to: Dr. Sandra Rex, Gifted Coordinator, 610-439-1439.