

**Upper Arlington Schools
 Gifted Identification and Services Summary
 2024-2025**

IDENTIFICATION

- The state of Ohio sets the criteria for gifted identification.
- Districts are required to use the test instruments approved by the Ohio Department of Education and Workforce.
- Students may be tested twice per year in each area the state recognizes for gifted identification. Grade level screening counts as one test opportunity.
- Districts are required to screen all students for gifted identification in superior cognitive ability, reading, and math at least once in grades K-2 and at least once in grades 3-6. In UA schools, students in grades 2 & 4 are screened in the fall. All other students are tested by referral (via small group testing in grades 2-5 in spring or with a school psychologist).
- Beginning in the 2024-2025 school year, evaluations for giftedness in creative thinking ability will be done by referral only. Whole grade screening in grades 2 & 4 will not take place.
- Information about the gifted identification process in the visual and performing arts will be provided via school newsletters beginning October 2024.

Area	Minimum Required Score	Tests Used in UACS
Superior Cognitive Ability	A score 2 standard deviations above the mean, minus the standard error of measure (calculated for each test instrument)	CogAT, grades 2 & 4: 128 grade 3: 127 WISC-V: 127 WJ-IV Cognitive: 127
Academic Areas	A score in at least the 95th percentile	IOWA Assessments <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Math ● Reading ● Science ● Social Studies STAR Reading (gr. 3-12) WJ-IV Achievement ACT
Creative Thinking Ability	A score 1 standard deviation above the mean, minus the standard error of measure on an Ohio-approved test of cognitive ability and the required minimum score on an Ohio-approved creative thinking checklist	CogAT WISC-V WJ-IV Cognitive and Various Ohio-approved checklists
Visual & Performing Arts Ability	The required minimum score on an Ohio-approved checklist for artistic behaviors and the required minimum score on an Ohio Department of Education and Workforce rubric for a portfolio or performance	Various Ohio-approved checklists Ohio Department of Education and Workforce Rubrics

GIFTED SERVICES

- In Ohio, school districts report the criteria for their gifted services to the Ohio Department of Education and Workforce for approval. Districts are not required to provide any gifted services, but if they do, they must apply the criteria for them consistently and fairly.
- Students who qualify for gifted services after the start of the school year will begin those services at the start of the following school year.
- For the purpose of qualifying for gifted services for the next school year, requests for testing must be received by March 1 of the current school year.

Grades	Service	Criteria
3-5	Enriched Math 3 Gifted Math 4/5A Gifted Math 5B/6	Ohio gifted identification in both superior cognitive ability and math
5-8	Gifted English Language Arts 5 (GELA) Concilium English Language Arts	Ohio gifted identification in both superior cognitive ability and reading
9-12	Honors, Advanced Placement (AP), International Baccalaureate (IB), and College Credit Plus (CCP) courses*	Ohio gifted identification in superior cognitive ability or an academic area that matches the content of the course
9-12 (depending on course)	Project Lead the Way: Pathway to Engineering (3 courses)*	Ohio gifted identification in superior cognitive ability, creative thinking ability, math, or science
9-12	Science of Robotics*	Ohio gifted identification in superior cognitive ability, creative thinking ability, or science

**These high school courses are open to all students regardless of gifted identification. However, they are gifted service settings for students who meet the criteria.*

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