

AIG Program Vision: To empower and equip educators and advanced learners
AIG Mission Statement: OCS Advanced Academics challenges and supports advanced learners through enriched learning experiences that foster critical thinking, creativity, and personal growth.

SCREENING, IDENTIFICATION, AND PLACEMENT

Onslow County Schools is committed to providing appropriately differentiated instruction for all academically or intellectually gifted (AIG) students, as demonstrated through its comprehensive screening, assessment, identification, and placement procedures. Students may be referred by teachers, parents, peers, or through self-referral. AIG Specialists also routinely collect performance data and screen the top 10 percent of students across multiple areas. If the school's AIG Match Team determines that a student meets the criteria for further evaluation, parental consent is obtained prior to testing. All AIG identification and placement decisions made by the AIG Match Team are made on a case-by-case basis, based on each student's individual assessment results. If a student qualifies for AIG identification and placement under OCS criteria, a Differentiated Education Plan (DEP) is developed collaboratively by the AIG Specialist, the student's teacher, and the parent/guardian. Written parental consent for services is then secured. DEP recommendations, service options, and learning environments are reviewed annually with the parent or guardian. Once identified, a student remains eligible for AIG services throughout their academic career in Onslow County Schools without the need for reassessment.

PLACEMENT PATHWAYS

In order to accurately identify giftedness in students, a clear, comprehensive, and equitable screening, referral, and identification process must be in place. Onslow County Schools currently employs two different pathways for entrance into the AIG Program.

Pathway 1

IG--Aptitude is 97th percentile or higher in any area (Verbal, Quantitative, and/or Nonverbal)

--OR--

Both Aptitude and Achievement are 92nd percentile or higher

Pathway 2

Either Aptitude or Achievement is 92nd percentile or higher combined with two additional criteria met:

*Portfolio of Student Work

*Hope Teacher Rating Scale

*Motivation Characteristics Renzulli Scale

*Creativity Characteristics Renzulli Scale

PROGRAM SERVICE OPTIONS

Academically or intellectually gifted (AIG) students have unique needs that require differentiation of regular classroom instruction. The gifted program service options are designed to provide a comprehensive, advanced, and challenging course of study aimed to meet academic and social emotional needs of gifted learners.

Grades K-2: Talent Development

Students engage in a variety of developmental experiences that help shape a strong educational foundation. Activities may include small group work focused on critical thinking and deductive reasoning. Participation in Talent Development does not indicate gifted identification, as formal screening typically occurs in 3rd grade.

Grades 3-5

AIG students are served through inclusion, pull-out, consultative, or a combination of services. Instruction targets higher-order thinking skills and may include advanced reading and math, chess, or specialized units. Cluster groups may include both identified AIG and advanced learners. Students scoring Level 5 on Reading and/or Math End-of-Grade (EOG) tests receive gifted services for the current school year.

Grades 6-8

Identified students are often grouped by strengths and placed in advanced reading, math, social studies, and science classes. Students scoring Level 5 on EOG tests are provided the same gifted services during the current school year. Subject acceleration is available through grade acceleration, virtual options, and high school courses. AIG Specialists support teachers with differentiation and acceleration. Students who successfully complete high school Math I may apply to Onslow Early College High School in 8th grade.

Grades 9-12

Students can self-select Honors, Advanced Placement (AP), and NCVPS courses. Career and College Promise (CCP) offers juniors and seniors the opportunity to take college courses at Coastal Carolina Community College. Additional enrichment opportunities include: Governor's School, Governor's Page Program, National Honor Society, NC School of Science and Math, Scholar's Diploma, and Sponsors of Academic Talent (SAT).

STUDENTS NEW TO OCS

Students transferring from another district who were previously identified as gifted may be considered for immediate AIG placement and/or additional screening.

Onslow County Schools honors the Interstate Compact on Educational Opportunity for Military Children, ensuring military-connected gifted students receive appropriate services while their records are reviewed by the school's AIG Match Team.

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