

Lowellville Local Schools

IRN: 048330

Plan and Procedures for the Identification and Service of Children who are Gifted 2025-2026

DEFINITION OF GIFTED

“Gifted” is defined as students who perform or show potential for performing at remarkably high levels of accomplishment when compared to others of their age, experience, or environment and who are identified under division (A), (B), (C), or (D) of section 3324.03 of the Ohio Revised Code.

DISTRICT IDENTIFICATION PLAN

The Lowellville Local School District uses whole-grade screening in grades 2 and 6 for gifted identification. The district also 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 the 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 and Workforce.

Names of approved tests, 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	Additional Information
Cognitive Abilities Test (CogAT) Form 7 or 8 Online or paper administration Group and Individual	VQN Form 7 Grades K-1: 125 Grades 2, 4-12: 126 Grade 3: 127 Form 8 Grades K-1: 125 Grades 2-11: 126 Grade 12: 127	VQN Form 7 Grades K-1: 127 Grades 2, 4-12: 128 Grade 3: 129 Form 8 Grades K-1: 127 Grades 2-11: 128 Grade 12: 129	Summarizes across the Verbal (V), Quantitative (Q), and Nonverbal-Figural (N) batteries, grades K-12.
	QN Form 7 Grades 2-12: 126	QN Form 7 Grades 2-12: 128	The CogAT QN composite (Quantitative – Nonverbal) is approved for identifying students in grades 2-12 for

	Form 8 Grades 2, 7, 11: 125 Grades 3-6, 8-10, 12: 126	Form 8 Grades 2, 7, 11: 127 Grades 3-6, 8-10, 12: 128	Superior Cognitive Ability. This score is most appropriate for English Learners and/or students with serious reading disabilities (Dyslexia) when administering test levels 9-17/18.
	<p style="text-align: center;">VN</p> Form 7 Grade K: 124 Grades 1, 5, 8-11: 125 Grades 2-4, 6-7, 12: 126 Form 8 Grade K-1: 124 Grades 2, 5-8, 11: 125 Grades 3-4, 9-10, 12: 126	<p style="text-align: center;">VN</p> Form 7 Grade K: 126 Grades 1, 5, 8-11: 127 Grades 2-4, 6-7, 12: 128 Form 8 Grade K-1: 126 Grades 2, 5-8, 11: 127 Grades 3-4, 9-10, 12: 128	The CogAT VN composite (Verbal – Nonverbal) is approved for identifying students for Superior Cognitive Ability in grades K-12. This score is most appropriate for use when identifying students with serious mathematics learning disabilities (dysgraphia).
	<p style="text-align: center;">VQ</p> Form 7 Grade K: 124 Grade 1: 125 Grades 2-12: 126 Form 8 Grades K-2: 124 Grades 3-4, 6-12: 126 Grade 5: 125	<p style="text-align: center;">VQ</p> Form 7 Grade K: 126 Grade 1: 127 Grades 2-12: 128 Form 8 Grades K-2: 126 Grades 3-4, 6-12: 128 Grade 5: 127	The CogAT VQ composite (Verbal – Quantitative) is approved for identifying students for Superior Cognitive Ability in grades K-12. This score is most appropriate for use when identifying students with nonverbal learning disabilities.
	<p style="text-align: center;">Nonverbal (N)</p> Form 7 Grade 2: 125 Grades 3-7: 124 Form 8 Grades 2, 4-7: 124 Grade 3: 125	<p style="text-align: center;">Nonverbal (N)</p> Form 7 Grade 2: 127 Grades 3-7: 126 Form 8 Grades 2, 4-7: 126 Grade 3: 127	The CogAT Nonverbal battery score (N) is approved for identifying students for Superior Cognitive Ability in grades 2-7 (Test Levels 8-13/14). This score is most appropriate for use when identifying English Learners and students with serious mathematical and/or reading disabilities.

InView Cognitive Abilities Assessment Online or paper administration Group and individual	Grades 2-12: 126	Grades 2-12: 128	
Wechsler Intelligence Scale for Children (WISC-V), 5th edition Online or paper administration Individual Only	Full-Scale IQ Ages: 6-16: 125	Full-Scale IQ Ages: 6-16: 127	Use NVI, GAI, VECI, EFI when appropriate
Woodcock-Johnson Tests of Cognitive Abilities (WJIV) Online or paper administration Individual Only	Ages: 5-10 & 13-18: 125 11-12: 124	Ages: 5-10 & 13-18: 127 11-12: 126	Use Gf-Gc Composite when appropriate

Specific Academic Ability Assessments Lowellville administers that provide for specific academic ability identification (provide at least two for assessment and reassessment purposes)			
Assessment	Screen Score	ID Score	Additional Information
NWEA Map Growth 2-5, 6+ Online administration Group and Individual	Grades 2-10: 93rd percentile	Grades 2-10: 95th percentile	Math and Reading only
Stanford Achievement Test, 10th Edition,	Grades K-12 93rd percentile	Grades K-12 95th percentile	Grades K-3 Reading and Math Only

(SAT 10) Complete Battery Online or paper administration Group and Individual			Grades 3-12: Math, Reading, Science, and Social Studies
Star Math Online Group and Individual	Grades 1-12 93rd percentile	Grades 1-12 95th percentile	
The ACT Online Group and Individual	Grades 11-12: 94th Percentile	Grades 11-12: 95th Percentile	Use scores for English, Math, Reading, Science and Writing National Percentiles from the score report only
The Iowa Assessments: Complete Battery Forms E and F Online or paper administration Group and Individual	Grade: K: 93rd Percentile	Grade: K: 95th Percentile	Levels 5/6: Math & Reading only
	Grades 1-12: 93rd Percentile	Grades 1-12: 95th Percentile	Complete Battery: - Math, Reading, Science & Social Studies
The Iowa Assessments: Core Battery Forms E and F Online or paper administration Group and Individual	Grades 1-12: 93rd Percentile	Grades 1-12: 95th Percentile	Core Battery: - Math & Reading only

Woodcock-Johnson Tests of Achievement (WJ IV) Online or paper administration Individual Only	Grades K-12: 93rd Percentile	Grades K-12: 95th Percentile	Use scores for Broad Reading, Broad Writing, and/or Broad Math
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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	Additional Information
Cognitive Abilities Test (CogAT) Form 7 or 8 Online or paper administration Group and Individual	VQN Form 7 Grades K-1: 110 Grades 2, 4-12: 111 Grade 3: 112	VQN Form 7 Grades K-1: 111 Grades 2, 4-12: 112 Grade 3: 113	Summarizes across the Verbal (V), Quantitative (Q), and Nonverbal-Figural (N) batteries Use when appropriate as specified in the technical manual and publisher guidance
	QN Form 7 Grades 2-12: 111 Form 8 Grades 2, 7, 11: 110 Grades 3-6, 8-10, 12: 111	QN Form 7 Grades 2-12: 112 Form 8 Grades 2, 7, 11: 111 Grades 3-6, 8-10, 12: 112	
	VN Form 7 Grade K: 109 Grades 1, 5, 8-11: 110	VN Form 7 Grade K: 110 Grades 1, 5, 8-11: 111	

	<p>Grades 2-4, 6-7, 12: 111</p> <p>Form 8</p> <p>Grade K-1: 109</p> <p>Grades 2, 5-8, 11: 110</p> <p>Grades 3-4, 9-10, 12: 111</p>	<p>Grades 2-4, 6-7, 12: 112</p> <p>Form 8</p> <p>Grade K-1: 110</p> <p>Grades 2, 5-8, 11: 111</p> <p>Grades 3-4, 9-10, 12: 112</p>	
	<p>VQ</p> <p>Form 7</p> <p>Grade K: 109</p> <p>Grade 1: 110</p> <p>Grades 2-12: 111</p> <p>Form 8</p> <p>Grades K-2: 109</p> <p>Grades 3-4, 6-12: 111</p> <p>Grade 5: 110</p>	<p>VQ</p> <p>Form 7</p> <p>Grade K: 110</p> <p>Grade 1: 111</p> <p>Grades 2-12: 112</p> <p>Form 8</p> <p>Grades K-2: 110</p> <p>Grades 3-4, 6-12: 112</p> <p>Grade 5: 111</p>	
	<p>Nonverbal (N)</p> <p>Form 7</p> <p>Grade 2: 110</p> <p>Grades 3-7: 109</p> <p>Form 8</p> <p>Grades 2, 4-7: 109</p> <p>Grade 3: 110</p>	<p>Nonverbal (N)</p> <p>Form 7</p> <p>Grade 2: 111</p> <p>Grades 3-7: 110</p> <p>Form 8</p> <p>Grades 2, 4-7: 110</p> <p>Grade 3: 111</p>	
<p>InView Cognitive Abilities Assessment</p> <p>Online or paper administration</p> <p>Group and Individual</p>	Grades 2-12 only: 111	Grades 2-12 only: 112	
<p>Wechsler Intelligence Scale for Children (WISC-V), 5th edition</p>	<p>Full-Scale IQ</p> <p>Ages:</p> <p>6-16: 111</p>	<p>Full-Scale IQ</p> <p>Ages:</p> <p>6-16: 112</p>	Use NVI, GAI, VECI, EFI when appropriate

Online or paper administration Individual Only			
Woodcock-Johnson Tests of Cognitive Abilities (WJIV) Online or paper administration Individual Only	Ages: 5-10 & 13-18: 111 11-12: 110	Ages: 5-10 & 13-18: 112 11-12: 111	Use Gf-Gc Composite when appropriate
AND			
Gifted and Talented Evaluation Scales, 2nd Edition (GATES 2) Individual Only	Grades: K-12 Standard Score of 90-110	Gr: K-12 Standard Score of 111	Use Creativity checklist component for Creative Thinking Ability
OR			
Gifted Rating Scales, 2nd Edition (GRS-2) Individual Only	Grades K-12 T Score of 60-65	Grades K-12 T Score of 66	Use for behavioral checklist component for Creative Thinking Ability

**Visual and Performing Arts Ability:
DANCE**

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

Assessment	Screen Score	ID Score	Additional Information
Gifted & Talented Evaluation Scales-2 (GATES-2) Checklist Individual Only	Grades: K-12 Standard Score of 90-110	Gr: K-12 Standard Score of 111	Use Artistic Talent checklist component for Visual or Performing Arts Ability in dance, drama, music, and visual arts.

GRS-2 (Gifted Rating Scales, 2nd Ed.) Checklist Individual Only	Grades K-12 T score: 60-65	Grades K-12 T score: 66	Use for behavioral checklist component for Visual or Performing Arts Ability identification in dance, drama, music, and visual arts the Creativity Index.
Ohio Checklist of Artistic Behavior - DANCE Individual Only	Grades 9-12 Ages: 14.0-18.11 Score: 29-31	Grades 9-12 Ages: 14.0-18.11 Score: 32	Use for behavioral checklist component for Visual or Performing Arts Ability identification - Dance Only
AND (if the student has a qualifying score above)			
Ohio Department of Education Visual and Performing Arts Evaluation Rubric: Dance Individual Only	Grades: K-12 20-25	Grades: K-12 26	Use for performance evaluation tool component for Visual or Performing Arts Ability identification

**Visual and Performing Arts Ability:
DRAMA**

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

Assessment	Screen Score	ID Score	Additional Information
Gifted & Talented Evaluation Scales-2 (GATES-2) Checklist Individual Only	Grades: K-12 Standard Score of 90-110	Gr: K-12 Standard Score of 111	Use Artistic Talent Checklist component for Visual or Performing Arts Ability in dance, drama, music, and visual arts.
GRS-2 (Gifted Rating Scales, 2nd Ed.) Checklist Individual Only	Grades K-12 T score: 60-65	Grades K-12 T score: 66	Use for behavioral checklist component for Visual or Performing Arts Ability identification in dance, drama, music, and visual arts the Creativity Index.
AND (if the student has a qualifying score above)			

Ohio Department of Education Visual and Performing Arts Evaluation Rubric: Drama/Theatre Individual Only	Grades: K-12 16 -19	Grades: K-12 20	Use for performance evaluation tool component for Visual or Performing Arts Ability identification
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**Visual and Performing Arts Ability:
MUSIC (INSTRUMENTAL AND/OR VOCAL)**

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

Assessment	Screen Score	ID Score	Additional Information
Gifted & Talented Evaluation Scales-2 (GATES-2) Checklist Individual Only	Grades: K-12 Standard Score of 90-110	Gr: K-12 Standard Score of 111	Use Artistic Talent checklist component for Visual or Performing Arts Ability in dance, drama, music, and visual arts.
GRS-2 (Gifted Rating Scales, 2nd Ed.) Checklist Individual Only	Grades K-12 T score: 60-65	Grades K-12 T score: 66	Use for behavioral checklist component for Visual or Performing Arts Ability identification in dance, drama, music, and visual arts the Creativity Index.

AND
(if the student has a qualifying score above)

Ohio Department of Education Visual and Performing Arts Evaluation Rubric: Music Individual Only	Grades: K-12 14-17	Grades: K-12 18	Use for performance evaluation tool component for Visual or Performing Arts Ability identification
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**Visual and Performing Arts Ability
VISUAL ARTS**

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

Assessment	Screen Score	ID Score	Additional Information
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Gifted & Talented Evaluation Scales-2 (GATES-2) Checklist Individual Only	Grades: K-12 Standard Score of 90-110	Gr: K-12 Standard Score of 111	Use Artistic Talent checklist component for Visual or Performing Arts Ability in dance, drama, music, and visual arts.
GRS-2 (Gifted Rating Scales, 2nd Ed.) - Checklist Individual Only	Grades K-12 T score: 60-65	Grades K-12 T score: 66	Use for behavioral checklist component for Visual or Performing Arts Ability identification in dance, drama, music, and visual arts the Creativity Index.
AND (if the student has a qualifying score above)			
Ohio Department of Education Visual and Performing Arts Evaluation Rubric: Visual Art Individual Only	Grades: K-12 16-20	Grades: K-12 21	Use for performance evaluation tool component for Visual or Performing Arts Ability identification

Whole Grade Screenings		
Type of Assessment	Content Area(s)	Grade Level(s)
Whole-Grade Assessments	Superior Cognitive Creative Thinking Math Reading	2, 6
Whole-Grade Assessments	Math (STAR Math)	1-6
Whole-Grade Assessments	Math (NWEA Map 6+) Reading (NWEA Map 6+)	7-10
Whole-Grade Assessments	English, Math, Reading, Science & Writing	11
Individually-administered (or small group) Assessments (based on referrals)	Superior Cognitive, Specific Academic: Reading, Math, Science, Social Studies, Creative Thinking	K-12

Audition, performance	Visual & Performing Arts	K-12
Display of work	Visual & Performing Arts	K-12
Exhibition	Visual & Performing Arts	K-12
Checklists	Creative Thinking Visual & Performing Arts	K-12

Referrals

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.)

Upon receipt of a referral, the Lowellville will:

- Follow the process as outlined in Lowellville's Gifted Education Plan and
- Notify parents of the results of screening or assessment and identification within 30 days.

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

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 the cut-off scores specified in the Ohio Department of Education and Workforce

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.

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 & Workforce, provided by other schools and/or trained personnel outside the school district.

Transfer

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 review incoming students' permanent records for the following:

- Gifted Identification/Testing Records – If assessments or scores used are not approved by the Ohio Department of Education & Workforce, then the parent will be contacted.
- Assessment results approved for use by the Ohio Department of Education & Workforce to identify giftedness in students.
- Placement of the student in services that match, if applicable, the child's identified area.

Appeal Procedures

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).

Equitable Practices

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.

- Assessments are 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 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.
 - ◆ 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;
- 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, economically disadvantaged students, students with disabilities, and English learners).
- Lowellville does not alter identification criteria other than those established in the Ohio Revised Code and Ohio Administrative Code.
- Assessments are administered by a trained individual in conformance with the instructions provided by their publisher.
- Assessments 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.

Gifted Education Services

District Name for Service	Service Setting	Grade Level(s)	Criteria for Service	Service Provider
Gifted Service Language Arts	Regular Classroom Cluster Grouping	K-12	Superior Cognitive ID and/or Reading ID and/or Math ID	General Education Classroom Teacher

Math	EMIS Code: 205062			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	11-12	Superior Cognitive and/or Reading ID and/or Math 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	7-12	Superior Cognitive and/or Reading ID and/or Math ID	General Education Classroom Teacher Collaboration and support between classroom teachers and gifted support personnel. Local college/ university
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: 205050	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.

Written Education Plans

When students identified as gifted are reported to parents and the Ohio Department of Education and Workforce as served, they must have a Written Education Plan in compliance with the Operating Standards for Identifying and Serving Gifted Students.

Withdrawal

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.

If you have questions, please call the K-12 principal

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