

PROGRAMS FOR GIFTED AND TALENTED STUDENTS

To comply with 3313.21 of the Ohio Revised Code, and 3301-51-15 of the State Standards, the following screening procedures have been developed for the Columbia Local Schools.

Where group achievement test results are needed, the Iowa CogAT scores will be used for screening.

1. A student shall be identified as exhibiting “superior cognitive ability” if the student did either of the following within the preceding 24 months:
 - Scored two standard deviations above the mean, minus the standard error of measurement, on an approved individual standardized intelligence test administered by a licensed or certified school psychologist or licensed psychologist; OR
 - Accomplished any one of the following
 - Scored at least two standard deviations above the mean, minus the standard error of measurement, on an approved standardized group intelligence test;
 - Performed at or above the 95th percentile on an approved individual or group standardized basic or composite battery of a nationally normed achievement test;
 - Attained an approved score on one or more above-grade level standardized, nationally normed approved tests.
2. Screening for specific academic ability:
 - Must score at least in the 95 percentile at the national level on an approved individual or group standardized achievement test of specific academic ability in that field (mathematics, reading/language arts, science) on an approved State assessment.
 - Must score at least in the 95 percentile in math, reading/language arts, science on an approved State assessment.

3. Identification:

To be identified as qualified for Gifted services, both criteria must be achieved within a 24 month period:

- Superior Cognitive Ability AND 92 percentile, two or more times, in both math and/or reading on a state approved assessment.
- 120 I.Q. AND 95 percentile, two or more times, in both math and/or reading on a state approved assessment.

Students identified by and receiving service from the Columbia Local Schools prior to the 2013/14 school year will continue to be served.

4. Screening for creative thinking:

- A. Grades Kindergarten and Grade 1 must score at least 111 on a group I.Q. test (CogAT) within the previous twenty-four months;
- B. Grade 2 to grade 12 must score at least 112 on a group I.Q. test within the previous twenty-four months.

Screening and identification tools used to determine eligibility must meet the criteria specified by the Ohio Department of Education, Office for Exceptional Children.

5. Screening for visual and/or performing arts ability:

- A. A child shall be identified as exhibiting "visual or performing arts ability" superior to that of children of similar age if the child has done both of the following: (a) Demonstrated to a trained individual through a display of work, an audition, or other performance or exhibition, superior ability in a visual or performing arts area; and
- B. May be nominated by a teacher in either music or art.

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