

New Bremen Local Schools
District Gifted Education Policy

DISTRICT IDENTIFICATION PLAN

The district 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. The district must follow 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.

Superior Cognitive Ability

Assessments the district administers that provide for superior cognitive identification:

Cognitive Abilities Test (CogAT) Form 7, 8; VQN Composite		
Grade Level	Identification Score	Screen Score
Kindergarten, 3rd & 7-12	127	126
1-2 & 4-6	128	127
InView Cognitive Abilities Assessment		
Grade Level	Identification Score	Screen Score
2-12	128	127
Naglieri Nonverbal Ability Test – Third Edition (NNAT 3)		
Grade Level	Identification Score	Screen Score
K-4, & 8-10	126	125
5-7	125	124
11-12	127	126
Wechsler Intelligence Scale for Children, 5th Edition (WISC-V)		
Grade Level	Identification Score	Screen Score
K-12	127	126
Woodcock-Johnson IV (WJ-IV), Tests of Cognitive Abilities		
Grade Level	Identification Score	Screen Score
preK-12	127	126

Specific Academic Ability

Assessments the district administers that provide for specific academic identification:

Stanford Achievement Test - 10th Edition, Basic and Complete Battery - Math and Reading Only		
Grade Level	Identification Score	Screen Score
K-12	95	94
TerraNova Achievement Tests Complete Battery		
Grade Level	Identification Score	Screen Score
K-12	95	94
The ACT - Math, Science, and Reading		
Grade Level	Identification Score	Screen Score
11-12	95	94
The Iowa Assessments Core and Complete Battery Forms E, F, and G		
Grade Level	Identification Score	Screen Score
K-12	95	94
Woodcock-Johnson IV, Tests of Achievement		
Grade Level	Identification Score	Screen Score
preK-12	95	94

Creative Thinking Ability

Assessments the district administers that provide for creative thinking identification:

Cognitive Abilities Test (CogAT) Form 7, 8; VQN Composite		
Grade Level	Identification Score	Screen Score
K-1	111	110
2-12	112	111

InView – A Measure of Cognitive Abilities		
Grade Level	Identification Score	Screen Score
2-12	112	111
Naglieri Nonverbal Ability Test – Third Edition (NNAT 3)		
Grade Level	Identification Score	Screen Score
K-4, & 8-10	110	109
5-7	109	108
11-12	111	110
Wechsler Intelligence Scale for Children, 5th Edition (WISC-V)		
Grade Level	Identification Score	Screen Score
K-12	112	111
Woodcock-Johnson IV (WJ-IV), Tests of Cognitive Abilities		
Grade Level	Identification Score	Screen Score
preK-12	112	111
Scales for Rating the Behavior Characteristics of Superior Students (SRBCSS)		
Grade Level	Identification Score	Screen Score
K-12	51	48-50
Gifted Rating Scales (GRS) (Creativity Scale)		
Grade Level	Identification Score	Screen Score
K-8	<i>T</i> Score 66	<i>T</i> Score 60-65

Visual and Performing Arts

Assessments the district administers that provide for visual and performing arts identification:

Gifted Rating Scales (GRS) (Artistic Scale)		
Grade Level	Identification Score	Screen Score

K-8	T Score 66	T Score 60-65
Scales for Rating the Behavior Characteristics of Superior Students (SRBCSS) (Visual, Part V; Music, Part VI; Drama, Part VII)		
Grade Level	Identification Score	Screen Score
K-12	Visual: 61 Music: 39 Drama: 57	59-60 37-38 54-56

IDENTIFICATION PROCESS

The district shall provide at least two opportunities each year for assessment in the case of children requesting assessment or recommended for assessment by teachers, parents or other children.

The district ensures there are ample and appropriate scheduling procedures for assessments and reassessment using:

Type of Assessment	Content Area(s)	Grade Level(s)
Whole-grade tests	IQ, Math, Reading & Creative Thinking Reading, Math & Science	2 & 4 11
Individually-administered tests	IQ, Math, Reading, Science and Social Studies	As referred
Audition, performance	Music, Dance, Drama	As referred
Display of work	Art	As referred
Exhibition	Art, Music, Dance, Drama	As referred
Checklists	Creativity, Art, Music, Drama	As referred

Referral

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
- Others (e.g., psychologist, community members, principal, gifted coordinator, etc.)

Upon receipt of a referral, the district will:

- Follow the process as outlined in this brochure; and

- Notify parents of results of screening or assessment and identification within 30 days.

Students referred with permission on file by September 30 will be tested between October 1 and October 31. Students referred with permission on file by February 28 will be tested between March 1 and March 31. Students referred after March 1 will be tested the following fall.

Screening

The district 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 cut-off scores specified in the department of education 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.

Transfer

The district 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.

Appeal Procedure

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).

SERVICES

Although the State of Ohio requires gifted identification, it does not mandate comprehensive services for identified gifted children. Gifted students need differentiated curriculum and instruction and support services in order to fully develop their abilities, including opportunities to exceed grade level academic indicators and

benchmarks. Due to the wide range of abilities and differing developmental needs of gifted students, no single service can provide an optimal educational experience for all gifted students. A continuum of service options is recommended, matching appropriate educational opportunities to the needs of identified students. Services may include such options as:

New Bremen Local Schools provides a variety of placements to meet the needs of gifted students. Services currently include: Acceleration (K-12), Differentiated Instruction in the regular classroom with collaborative support and ongoing assistance by the gifted staff (K-8), Reading Pullout (2.5-6), and Cluster Grouping (2.5-6). Additional opportunities include: Accelerated courses (6-12), and Advanced Placement/CCP opportunities (9-12). Additional services may be provided if state funding for gifted intervention specialists becomes available. The district ensures equal opportunity for all district students identified as gifted to receive any services offered by the district for which the student meets the criteria.

Gifted Intervention Specialist Services in Elementary and Middle School

Grade	Formal Services Offered
2.5-6	Reading Pullout: 5 Days a Week Criteria: 115 ability score and identified gifted in reading and/or Superior Cognitive*

*Students identified as Superior Cognitive will be serviced in their highest performing area.

Options for Students Provided by Regular Education Teachers in the Elementary and Middle School

2.5-6	Cluster Grouping in the Regular Classroom for Math Criteria: 115 ability score and identified in Math and/or Superior Cognitive*
6 & 7	Advanced Math Cluster Criteria: Identified gifted in Cognitive and/or math with a 115 ability score
8	Algebra Criteria: Identified gifted in Cognitive and/or math with a 115 ability score

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Options for Students at the High School

9-12	Cluster Grouping in the Regular Classroom for Math Criteria: 115 ability score and identified in Math
9-12	Cluster Grouping in the Regular Classroom for Reading Criteria: 115 ability score and identified in Reading

9-12	College Credit Plus Criteria: Gifted Identification in an area that matches the CCP course
9-12	Advanced Placement Criteria: Gifted Identification in an area that matches the AP course
9-12	Visual & Performing Arts - services provided by trained arts instructor Criteria: Gifted Identification in music or visual arts

Gifted Services in New Bremen Local Schools

New Bremen Local Schools recognizes the importance of ensuring that gifted students are served by qualified teachers who understand their needs. In addition to collaborating with staff on affective and academic strategies and supports for gifted-identified and high ability students, Gifted Intervention Specialists (GIS) provide services directly to gifted students in accordance with requirements determined by the Ohio Department of Education and outlined in the Operating Standards for Identifying and Serving Gifted Students (Ohio Administrative Code 3301-51-15). The following services are currently available to students meeting specific criteria in certain grade levels:

Eligibility

Written criteria for determining eligibility for placement in a gifted service are updated annually and shall be provided to any parent/guardian upon request. Current gifted services require gifted identification in the content area in which differentiated instruction is occurring and a 115 ability score and/or superior cognitive ability. All district students who meet the written criteria for a gifted service shall be provided an equal opportunity to receive those services. In cases where the services are at capacity, students with the highest cognitive scores will be given preference. Subjective criteria such as teacher recommendations are not used to exclude a student from services in the superior cognitive and specific academic areas if the student is otherwise eligible. Services shall be differentiated and consistent with requirements as determined by the Ohio Department of Education and outlined in the Operating Standards for Identifying and Serving Gifted Students, (Ohio Administrative Code 3301-51-15).

Written Education Plans

When students identified as gifted are reported to parents and the Ohio Department of Education 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 your building principal or

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