# **Celina City Schools**



# Celina City Schools District Gifted Education Identification Policy & Service Plan 2023-2024

# **Assessment Instruments Used for Gifted Identification**

The district uses the following assessment instruments for screening and identification pursuant to ORC 3324.01-07

Superior Cognitive Ability					
Cognitive Abilities Test (CogAT) Form 7, 8  Grades K-12  Screening - 126 or 127 Composite  Identification - 127 Composite Gr. K, 3, & 7-12  128 Composite Gr. 1-2 & 4-6  Whole grade testing in grades 2 and 4.	InView Cognitive Abilities Assessment Grades 2-12 Screening - 127 Composite Identification - 128 Composite				
Wechsler Intelligence Scale for Children,	Woodcock-Johnson IV (WJ-IV), Tests of				
5 <sup>th</sup> Edition (WISC-V)	Cognitive Abilities				
Grades K-12	Grades K-12				
Screening - 126 Composite	Screening - 126 Composite				
Identification - 127 Composite	Identification - 127 Composite				

Specific Academic Ability					
MAP Growth - Math and Reading Only Grades 2-10 Screening - 94th Percentile Identification - 95th Percentile Whole grade testing in grades 7-10.	The Iowa Assessments Core and Complete Battery Forms E, F, and G Grades K-12 Screening - 94th Percentile Identification - 95th Percentile Whole grade testing in grades 2 and 4.				
Stanford Achievement Test - 10th Edition, Basic and Complete Battery - Math and Reading Only Grades K-12 Screening - 94th Percentile Identification - 95th Percentile	Star Reading (Full Star Reading Test Only) Grades Screening - 94th Percentile Identification - 95th Percentile Whole grade testing in grades 3-8.  The ACT - Math, Science, and Reading Grades 11 & 12 Screening - 94th Percentile Identification - 95th Percentile Whole grade testing in grade 11.				
TerraNova Achievement Tests Complete Battery Grades K-12 Screening - 94th Percentile Identification - 95th Percentile					

# Woodcock-Johnson IV, Tests of Achievement Grades preK-12 Screening - 94th Percentile Identification - 95th Percentile

- Student is not already identified as gifted in the subject area.
- At least 1 of the most recent 3 administrations of MAP/STAR included a score of 94th percentile in the subject area.

Creative Thinking Ability					
Cognitive Abilities Test (CogAT) Form 7, 8  Grades K-12  Screening - 110 or 111 Composite  Identification - 111 Composite Gr. K-1  112 Composite Gr. 2-12  And Gifted Rating Scales (66)  Whole grade testing in grades 2 and 4.	InView Cognitive Abilities Assessment Grades 2-12 Screening - 111 Composite Identification - 112 Composite And Gifted Rating Scales (66)				
Wechsler Intelligence Scale for Children,	Woodcock-Johnson IV (WJ-IV), Tests of				
5 <sup>th</sup> Edition (WISC-V)	Cognitive Abilities				
Grades K-12	Grades K-12				
Screening - 111 Composite	Screening - 111 Composite				
Identification - 112 Composite	Identification - 112 Composite  And Gifted Rating Scales (66)				
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## **Visual and Performing Arts**

Demonstrate to a trained individual through display of work, an audition, or other performance exhibition, superior ability in a visual or performing arts area and attain a score of 61 for art, 39 for music, or 57 for drama on the Scales for Rating the Behavior Characteristics of Superior Students checklist (Renzulli Scales) . Grades K-12.

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.

Celina serves students in grades 5 & 6, grade 7, and grades 9-12 in Superior Cognitive Ability, Specific Academic Ability, and/or Visual and Performing Arts Ability.

## 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

<sup>\*\*</sup>Retesting in reading or math with a paper/pencil test will be offered to students following the winter administration of MAP/STAR if a student meets the following criteria:

identification in the content area where differentiated instruction occurs and/or an ability score of 115 or higher. 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).

# Superior Cognitive and/or Specific Academic

- have achieved at the 95<sup>th</sup> percentile or higher in reading, math, science, and/or social studies
- have a Superior Cognitive Score at the 128 composite or higher

### Visual and/or Performing Arts Ability

• have a score in the identification range on an approved behavioral checklist AND demonstrate superior ability to a trained individual through a display of work, an audition, and other performance or exhibition.

When service is provided, student learning is driven by Written Education Plans (WEP) or Written Acceleration Plans (WAP).

#### **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
- Other (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 the 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 could 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).

#### **Gifted Services in Celina City Schools**

Celina City 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:

Grade	Formal Services Offered:
5-6	Self-contained general ed. Classroom with GIS: Students identified as gifted in the areas of superior cognitive ability and/or specific academic ability in reading and/or math will receive gifted services through placement in this math or reading class. A gifted intervention specialist is the class teacher.  Criteria for Service  a) at least 115 ability score and identified in math b) at least 115 ability score and identified in reading
7	Single Subject Acceleration: Students identified with superior cognitive ability and/or specific academic ability in math will be placed in the math class.  Criteria for Service Any one of the following: a) identified superior cognitive

	b) identified in math
8	Single Subject Acceleration: Students identified with superior cognitive ability and/or specific academic ability in math will be placed in the math class.  Criteria for Service  Any one of the following: a) identified superior cognitive b) identified in math
9-12	College Credit Plus Students identified with superior cognitive ability and/or specific academic ability in math, reading, science, and/or social studies and enrolled in a CCP course that matches an area of gifted identification.  Criteria for Service Any one of the following:  a) identified superior cognitive b) identified in math b) identified in reading b) identified in science b) identified in social studies

#### 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 Wendi Moorman Mercer County ESC Gifted Coordinator at 419-586-6628.

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