

Ohio

Gifted Education Quick Start Guide



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1.

I want to have my child tested for gifted identification.

- Contact your child's teacher and make a formal referral for gifted identification testing.
- School districts are required to provide two opportunities per year for testing based on referrals for students in kindergarten through grade 12.

I just received a referral for gifted identification testing.

- Contact your district's gifted coordinator to make sure you follow the district's referral process correctly.
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2.

I received a letter that states my child was identified as gifted. Now, I have questions about gifted services.

- Contact your district and ask for the gifted coordinator.
- Ask for the specific eligibility criteria for any formal gifted services offered by the district.
- Districts are currently not required to provide gifted services, but where services are available districts must have objective, written eligibility criteria.

Who can provide gifted services in my district?

- Page 4 of the Gifted EMIS Data Tool on the [Ohio Department of Education website](#) has a quick summary of the most common service options.

3.

My child needs advanced work but no gifted services are available.

- Contact your district's gifted coordinator and the building principal to make a referral for acceleration.
- Students can be accelerated in one or multiple subjects.
- Ask for a copy of your district's Acceleration Policy.

I have a question about obtaining gifted licensure or a gifted supplemental license.

- Contact ODE Educator Licensure at 877-644-6338 or educator.licensure@education.ohio.gov.