

ADAMS COUNTY OHIO VALLEY SCHOOLS TALENTED AND GIFTED SERVICES

How are students identified as gifted?

IDENTIFICATION PROCEDURES:

ACOV follows the identification eligibility criteria as specified in the Revised Code 3324.03 and the Ohio Rule for the Identification and Services for Children Who Are Gifted. Annually, children who are gifted are identified using a variety of ODE approved assessments listed in the *Assessment Instruments for the Identification of Children Who are Gifted* brochure. Identification instruments shall be administered by qualified personnel in conformance with the test publisher's instructions, ACOV ensures equal access to screening and further assessment by all district children, including students who are culturally diverse, economically disadvantaged, students with physical or sensory disabilities, and limited English proficiency. ACOV ensures that there will be equal opportunity for all children identified to receive any or all appropriate services offered by the District.

ELIGIBILITY:

To meet state standards for gifted identification, a student must score two standard deviations above the mean, minus the standard error of measurement on an intelligence test, or perform at or above the 95th percentile on a composite battery of a nationally normed achievement test. Students scoring at the 90-94th percentile on a nationally normed achievement test or 124-128 on an ability test are recommended for further testing. Tests are listed in the *Assessment Instruments for*

the *Identification of Children Who are Gifted* brochure. Parents will be notified of the assessment results.

What about students moving into the district or students who are referred for testing?

TRANSFERS AND REFERRALS:

The District shall accept scores on assessment instruments approved for use by ODE provided by other school districts and trained personnel outside the school district.

Referrals may be made on an on-going basis by parents, guardians, peers, student, school personnel, and other related professionals. Referral forms are available in each building the student attends and on the district website. ACOV provides two opportunities a year for assessment in the case of children requesting assessment or recommended for assessment. Any student transferring into the district will be assessed within 90 days of the request.

APPEAL PROCESS:

An appeal by the parent is the reconsideration of the results of any part of the identification process which would include screening procedure, assessment instrument, placement for services, or receipt of services. Parents should submit a letter to the Coordinator of Gifted Services outlining the nature of the concern. The coordinator will convene a meeting with the parents which may include other school personnel. A written final decision will be issued within 30 days of the appeal and include reason(s) for the decision. To discuss testing, please contact the Coordinator of Gifted Services.

What services are available in Adams County Ohio Valley?

THE TALENTED AND GIFTED PROGRAM

(TAG): Students in third, fourth, fifth, and sixth grade who are identified gifted in the Superior Cognitive area receive above-grade level and enrichment activities in content areas one full day per week. 7th & 8th grade students attend once per month and pursue an independent studies project. The curriculum, taught by a teacher certified in gifted education, includes developing skills in problem solving, research, written and oral expression, divergent thinking, interpersonal relationships, individual and group projects. Academic field trips, online classes, and investigations into subject areas not covered in the regular classroom are designed to enhance the school experience.

Inquiring Mind in Motion (IMM)

Students in third grade who are identified in the specific academic domain of reading and/or math are served one day per week.. These students receive above-grade level curriculum in his/her identified academic area as well as divergent and logical thinking activities. The IMM students are taught by a teacher certified in gifted education.



How is my child evaluated in the gifted program?

WRITTEN EDUCATION PLANS:

Each student in the ACOV Gifted Program will have a Written Education Plan (WEP) that will contain the following:

1. Description of Service to be provided
2. Annual goals for each service
3. Method/schedule for reevaluating and reporting progress to parents/guardians.
4. Staff responsible for ensuring delivery of each service prescribed.
5. Policies regarding waiver of assignments and re-scheduling of tests.
6. Deadline for next review of WEP

Each fall, a copy of the WEP will be given to parents and any staff responsible for providing services listed in the WEP.

Does my child have to qualify each year?

Students do not need to re-qualify each year for participation in TAG.

Does my child have to participate?

PROCEDURE FOR PARTICIPATION AND WITHDRAWAL:

The final decision to permit participation rests with the parent and is a voluntary decision. A *Permission to Participate* form is signed and returned to the GIS or Coordinator. If a student and/or parent wishes to withdraw from gifted programs or services, the request should be submitted in writing by the parent to the Gifted Intervention Specialist and/or Coordinator of Gifted Services. If a student requests to withdraw, the parent will be contacted for confirmation unless the student is age 18.

For further information about the ACOV Talented and Gifted Program, contact:

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District Policy for the
Identification of and
Services for Students
Who are Gifted