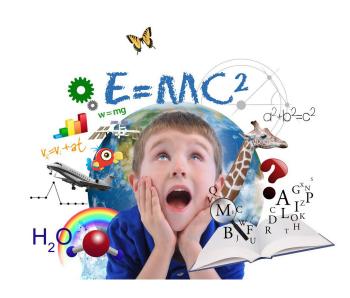


# Gifted Referral Process-Elementary School

#### What does "Gifted" mean?

► The state of Ohio defines a gifted student as one who "performs or shows potential for performing at remarkably high levels of accomplishment when compared to others of their age, experience, or environment."

► (Source: Ohio Department of Education Website)



#### Referral and Placement Deadlines

- ► Elementary EPP Math Program (Grade 3-5)
  - ▶ Referral forms for testing are due to the Gifted Services Dept. by November 15<sup>th</sup>. Students will not be placed into the gifted EPP math program after January 5<sup>th</sup> of the current school year. Any Referrals received by April 15<sup>th</sup> will be given priority for testing by the completion of the current school year. All referrals received after April 15<sup>th</sup> will begin testing in early late summer.
- ► Elementary Reading Cluster (Grades 3-5)
  - ▶ Referral forms for may be submitted at any time during the year, however, we only place students into the Elementary Reading Cluster at the beginning of the school year. If a student qualifies for the Elementary Reading Cluster during the school year, they will be placed into the program for the following school year.
- ▶ Single Subject and Whole Grade Acceleration Referrals and Acceleration Placements
  - Acceleration referral forms for testing are due 60 days prior to the start of each semester. Students wanting to accelerate in a single subject or whole grade may be advanced to their accelerated placement, if qualified, provided this deadline is met. (Acceleration is a general education accommodation and a student does not have to be identified as gifted to receive an accelerated placement.)

### What qualifies a student as Gifted?

- ► For Math EPP Program (Grades 3-5)
  - ➤ A score of 95<sup>th</sup> %ile or above on an ODE approved Math achievement assessment
    - ► MAP 2-5, Iowa, Stanford, TerraNova
  - An identification score required on Superior Cognitive Ability Assessment (Varies by test)
    - ► CogAT, InView, Naglieri
- Ohio State Testing (OST) can not be used for identification

- ► For Reading Cluster (Grades 3-5)
  - ➤ A score of 95<sup>th</sup> %ile or above on an ODE approved Reading achievement assessment
    - ► MAP 2-5, Iowa, Stanford, TerraNova
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### The Referral Process: The First Step

- ▶ Who can refer a student?
  - Parent
  - ▶ Teacher
  - Gifted Intervention Specialist
  - ▶ Principal
  - ▶ Counselor
  - ► Psychologist
  - Student (Self-Referral)



#### The Referral Process: Completing the Form

- Parents must give consent for screening and sign the referral form.
- If a student is found to be eligible for placement into the Gifted Program, parents must also give consent for placement (permission slip will be mailed out by Gifted Services).
- Once form is completed, please submit to Gifted Services at the WEC.

- ▶ Referrals for EPP Math Program must be received by November 15<sup>th</sup> of the current school year.
- Referrals for the Reading Cluster program may be submitted at any time, however students will not be moved into a Reading Cluster during the school year.
- Ohio Department of Education mandates that only 2 referrals are permitted per school year. District wide testing (CogAT, MAP) counts as one testing opportunity for the year.
- ▶ 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade CogAT screening: February
- ▶ 4<sup>th</sup> Grade CogAT screening: October

## The Referral Process: Screening

- Once the referral form is received by Gifted Services, it will be forwarded on to the appropriate assessor.
- ► The assessors will then reach out to the building secretaries and classroom teachers to set up testing dates/times.
- Once testing dates are determined, the assessors will contact parents to confirm.
- Screening typically takes 1-3 sessions, depending on the number of tests needing to be completed.
- ► Tests are scored and returned to Gifted Services within 7 business days after completion of screening.

#### The Referral Process: After Screening

- Gifted Services will process all screening scores and enter them into Infinite Campus.
- ► A letter (and permission slip if applicable) is mailed to parents outlining the screening results (typically within 14 business days) of receiving the screening scores.
- A copy of the letter sent to parents will be emailed to the building Principal, EPP teacher and homeroom teacher.
- ► Gifted Services will scan all paperwork and add appropriate flags into Infinite Campus.
- Buildings will update the student schedule as necessary in Infinite Campus.

#### Worthington Gifted Resources

- Worthington City Schools Gifted Website: WCS Gifted
- ► Elementary Gifted Referral Form: Referral Form
- Worthington Schools Gifted Identification Plan: Gifted ID Plan
- Ohio Department of Education Gifted Page: ODE Website
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