

Wapakoneta City Schools

Talented and Gifted Programs

DISTRICT POLICIES AND PROCEDURES

Our school district prides itself on providing equal opportunity for all of our students. The Gifted and Talented program is designed to ensure that all students, regardless of culture, race, language, gender, or handicapping conditions to have the opportunity to be identified as gifted and to receive services when appropriate.

CRITERIA FOR PLACEMENT IN GIFTED PROGRAMS

Step One: Students may be nominated by either parents or teachers. Students may nominate themselves or peers through a teacher. Nomination forms are available in the office of each building during the fall and spring nomination periods.

Step Two: The Gifted Coordinator will administer a standardized intelligence test to those students who have been nominated.

Step Three: Assessments will be analyzed for all students on the screening list. Students are eligible for the gifted program if they meet the performance criteria.

APPEAL PROCEDURE

Parents or students may request a review of the assessments used for identification of gifted students, the scheduling of assessments, the placement of students in activities or programs, or the services granted for gifted students. This request must be submitted in writing to the student's building principal. Upon receiving the request, the principal will convene a meeting that will include the parents, and appropriate staff members as well as the student, when appropriate.

TERMINATION OF GIFTED SERVICES

At any point a student and/or parents /guardians may request that their child no longer participate in Gifted activities. This request must be made by completing a Gifted Services Termination Form. This form is available from building principals or the coordinator of gifted services. The principal or coordinator of gifted services may convene a meeting that will include parents, appropriate staff members, and the student, when appropriate. If a child requests to withdraw, parents will be notified.