

Overview of Gifted Education

While Ohio law requires school districts to identify gifted children, there is currently no provision requiring schools to provide any special services for gifted students. However, the Oakwood Gifted Intervention Program and Services are continually evolving to ensure thoughtful and reflective growth towards the goal of providing a complete continuum of gifted and enrichment services in grades K-12.

Differentiated Instruction: Meeting the Needs of All Learners

We recognize that different needs require different services. Students are offered available services based on demonstrated needs. For example, a student's services may consist of differentiation and group within the homeroom, weekly or daily pullout sessions with the Gifted Intervention Specialist. There is a continuum of services, which extends from general enrichment opportunities for all students to individualized services appropriate for few students. We work behind the scene with teachers as well as helping them differentiate their lessons.

What does "Gifted" mean?

Definitions of giftedness vary widely, though all definitions support the central idea that gifted individuals are those who possess outstanding abilities or are capable of exceptional performance. Most definitions also recognize that the abilities and talents are such that they require educational programs and services beyond the typical school offerings (Davis & Rimm, 2004).

Federal Definition:

The term "Gifted and Talented Students" means children and youth who give evidence of high performance capability in areas such as intellectual, creative, artistic, or leadership capacity, or in specific academic fields, and who require services or activities not ordinarily provided by the school in order to fully develop such capabilities (PL 100-297, Sec. 4103. Definitions).

State of Ohio Definition:

"Gifted" means students who perform or show potential for performing at remarkably high levels of accomplishment when compared to others for their age, experience, or environment (ORC, Sec. 3324.01).