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Dear Parent or Guardian:

As the parent or guardian of a gifted child, you are already familiar with the challenges and joys of living with this unique person.

We want you to know that there are many resources available locally, statewide, and nationally, to meet your child's needs.

Locally:

Since every school district is different, you will have some choices in partnering with your district or region to meet the learning needs of your student.

- Check your school district's web site for specific information about gifted identification and programming. By Ohio law, districts are required to identify gifted students but not to serve them.
- If your district provides service, talk with your Gifted Teacher or Gifted Coordinator to find out what services are available for your child. Ask about developing the Written Education Plan (WEP) that will meet your child's learning needs. (You can find a sample one at <http://www.oagc.com/?q=wepdocuments>)
- Find out what opportunities are offered during the school day as well as after-school and in the summer.
- Ask about groups for parents of gifted children. (You can find listings of local parent groups at <http://www.oagc.com/?q=affiliates>)

Statewide:

- The Ohio Department of Education (ODE) has many educational resources on its website. Go to ODE's Homepage at www.ode.state.oh.us and click on "Families" (found at the bottom of the page). Then click on "Gifted Education." Alternatively, search for "Gifted Education." If you don't have web access, call (614) 466-2650 to speak with a state Gifted Consultant.
- The Ohio Association for Gifted Children (OAGC) has information about what is happening in gifted education in Ohio, and how we can improve gifted education. Visit <http://www.oagc.com/> or call (614) 337-0386.
- The OAGC Parent Handbook, "What to Expect...When You're Raising a Gifted Child" is available free for download on the "Parents" page. (<http://www.oagc.com/?q=parent>)
- At this website you can also find information about the OAGC Parent Division, which provides support and information for parents and families of gifted students. Or call (614) 337-0386.
- Find links to other gifted information at <http://www.oagc.com/?q=links>.

Nationally:

- The National Association for Gifted Children has hundreds of wonderful resources; you can find them at <http://www.nagc.org/> and click on the special page for parents, or call (202) 785-4268.
- The website <http://www.hoagiesgifted.org> is beloved by many parents as an easy-to-read, user-friendly resource, with interesting things for parents and kids.

Children thrive when parents and educators work together. Enjoy the excitement of living with a gifted child and please contact us if we can be of any help!

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