

**VANLUE LOCAL SCHOOLS POLICY AND PLAN
FOR THE IDENTIFICATION AND SERVICE
OF CHILDREN WHO ARE GIFTED**

DEFINITION

“Gifted” means students who perform or show potential for performing at remarkably high levels of accomplishment when compared to others of their age, experience or environment and who are identified under division (A), (B), (C), or (D) of section 3324.03 of the Ohio Revised Code.

DISTRICT IDENTIFICATION PLAN

The district accepts referrals, screens and identifies, or screens and reassesses students who perform or show potential for performing at high levels of accomplishment in the areas of superior cognitive ability, specific academic ability, creative thinking ability, and/or visual and/or performing arts. The district must follow policy and procedures established in Ohio Administrative Code 3301-51-15. These rules specify that assessment instruments must come from the list approved by the Ohio Department of Education.

➤ **Superior Cognitive Ability**

Assessments the district administers that provide for superior cognitive identification (provide at least two for assessment and reassessment purposes):

Superior Cognitive Ability:

Cognitive Abilities Test-Form 7, 8-VQN Composite (CogAT) K-12 Screening SAS 123, Identification K-127 SAS, Grades 1 & 2- 128 SAS, Grade 3- 127 SAS, Grades 4-6- 128 SAS, Grades 7-12- 127 SAS
Stanford 10 Achievement Test Complete: Screening 92, Identification 95
InView Cognitive Abilities Assessment- Screening CSI 123, Identification CSI 128
WISC IV-Wechsler Intelligence Scale For Children, 4th Ed- Screening SAS 122, Identification SAS 127

➤ **Specific Academic Ability**

Assessments the district administers that provide for specific academic identification (provide at least two for assessment and reassessment purposes):

Stanford Achievement Test 10th Ed.: Screening 92, Identification 95
Woodcock-Johnson IV, Tests of Achievement - NU (Form A or B) Screening 92, Identification 95
Wechsler Individual Achievement Test (WIAT) - 3rd Edition- Screening 92, Identification 95
IOWA Achievement Tests- Form E- Screening 92, Identification 95

➤ **Creative Thinking Ability**

Assessments the district administers that provide for creative thinking identification (provide at least two for assessment and reassessment purposes):

Gifted and Talented Evaluation Scale (SCALES For Identifying Gifted Students)
Creative Thinking Checklist Screening 110-119 , Identification 120
Scales for Rating the Behavior Characteristics of Superior Students (SRBCSS)
Creative Thinking Checklist Screening 48, Identification 51
and
Cognitive Abilities Test Form 7 VQN Composite: Screening SAS 108, Identification 111 (K-1), 112 (2-12)

➤ **Visual and Performing Arts**

Assessments the district administers that provide for visual and performing arts identification (provide at least two for each arts area for assessment and reassessment purposes):

Display of Work, Audition or Performance: ODE Rubric: Art Display Screening 16-20, Identification 21 Musical performance Screening 14-17, Identification 18 Drama performance Screening 16-19, Identification 20 Dance audition Screening 20-25, Identification 26 And Gifted and Talented Evaluation Scale (GATES 2) Checklist Screening 57, Identification 78 Scales for Rating the Behavior Characteristics of Superior Students (SRBCSS) Art Checklist Screening 59, Identification 61 Musical Checklist Screening 37, Identification 39 Drama Checklist Screening 54, Identification 57 Dance Checklist Screening 60, Identification 66

IDENTIFICATION PROCESS

The district shall provide at least two opportunities each year for assessment in the case of children requesting assessment or recommended for assessment by teachers, parents or other children.

The district ensures there are ample and appropriate scheduling procedures for assessments and reassessment using:

Type of Assessment	Content Area(s)	Grade Level(s)
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Whole-grade tests 	Superior Cognitive, Mathematics, Reading and Creative Thinking	2 nd and 5 th
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Individually-administered tests 	All Areas	K-12 by referral
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Audition, performance 	Performing Arts	K-12 by referral
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Display of work 	Visual Arts	K-12 by referral
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Exhibition 	Visual & Performing Arts	K-12 by referral
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Checklists 	Creative Thinking; Visual & Performing Arts	K-12 by referral

Referral

Children may be referred in writing on an ongoing basis, based on the following:

- Child request (self-referral);
- Teacher recommendation;
- Parent/guardian request;
- Child referral of peer; and
- Other (e.g., psychologist, community members, principal, gifted coordinator, etc.)

Upon receipt of a referral, the district will:

- Follow the process as outlined in this brochure; and
- Notify parents of results of screening or assessment and identification within 30 days.

Screening

The district ensures equal access to screening and further assessment of all district children, including culturally or linguistically diverse children, children from low socio-economic backgrounds, children with disabilities and children for whom English is a second language.

Identification

When the screening assessment has been completed, if the data obtained is from an approved identification instrument and the score meets cut-off scores specified in department of education guidance, the identification decision is made and student's educational needs are determined. Identification scores remain in effect for the remainder of the student's K-12 school experience.

Reassessment

When the screening assessment has been completed, if the data is from an approved screening instrument or from an identification instrument on which the student is within a district-specified range below the identification score, re-assessment for possible identification occurs.

Out of District Scores

The district accepts scores, completed within the preceding 24 months on assessment instruments approved for use by the Ohio Department of Education, provided by other schools and/or trained personnel outside the school district.

Transfer

The district ensures that any child transferring into the district will be assessed within 90 days of the transfer at the request of the parent. Parents shall contact the building principal.

Appeal Procedure

An appeal by the parent is the reconsideration of the result of any part of the identification process which would include:

- Screening procedure or assessment instrument (which results in identification);
- The scheduling of children for assessment;
- The placement of a student in any program; and
- Receipt of services.

Parents should submit a letter to the superintendent or designee outlining the nature of the concern. The superintendent or designee will convene a meeting with the parent/guardian, which may include other school personnel. The superintendent or designee will issue a written final decision within 30 days of the appeal. This written notice should include the reason for the decision(s).

DISTRICT SERVICE PLAN

The district ensures equal opportunity for all district students identified as gifted to receive any services offered by the district for which the student meets the criteria. At this time, Vanlue Local Schools does not offer formal gifted services.

DISTRICT ENRICHMENT PLAN

Enrichments are activities purposely designed to expose students to a wide variety of disciplines, issues, occupations, hobbies, persons, places and/or events. They may expand the scope of the regular curriculum or introduce topics not covered in the general education program. Any staff member may be the originator of enrichment, and the student audience will vary depending on interest and ability. Enrichments are not reported to the Ohio Department of Education as gifted services.

IDENTIFICATION AND SERVICE PLAN APPROVAL

District identification and service plans must be sent to the Ohio Department of Education as a part of the annual self-report. The department will review the plans within 60 days of submission. Changes in identification and/or service plan procedures must be reported to the Ohio Department of Education immediately upon revision. The department will review and notify the district within 60 days of receipt of revisions.

If you have questions, please call your building principal or
the Hancock County ESC gifted coordinator
at 419-422-7525.