

ESC Gifted Testing

Referrals

Transfers

Move-Ins

Individual Requests

Location of Testing:

ESC of Lorain County
Conference Room A&B
1885 Lake Avenue
Elyria, OH 44089

Time:

Scheduled 8:00AM–3:00 PM

Testing done by
ESC Gifted Supervisors:
Mary Lou Kaminski
Carissa Crytzer



Move-In Testing Opportunity

Referrals Due:
August 1, 2011

ESC Test Date:
August 16, 2011

Fall Testing Opportunity

Referrals Due:
October 17, 2011

ESC Test Date:
October 27, 2011

Spring Testing Opportunity

Referrals Due:
March 19, 2012

ESC Test Date:
April 2, 2012



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Region 2 State Support Team
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ESC Policies and Procedures for Gifted Testing 2011-2012





State Information

As part of House Bill 282, districts have in place a set of policies and procedures for the identification of gifted students. District procedures were approved by the State Department of Education. Teachers and parents must be notified regarding the identification procedures.

Students are identified using only nationally normed tests that are on an approved list created by the State Department of Education.

Students in kindergarten through 12th grade are given the opportunity twice a year to be identified cognitively or in specific academic areas.

Students are to be identified in three steps: (1) pre-assessment where student's academic performance is reviewed; (2) screening, which is usually group testing and (3) assessment/identification which is individual testing. Students may be identified at the screening level if they obtain qualifying test scores.

Teachers, parents and students can refer students for testing. To assist districts with the referral process, the ESC Gifted Consortium provides testing opportunities three times during the school year at the Education Service Center of Lorain County.

The opportunities for referrals, and testing dates during the 2011-2012 school year are specified on the back of this brochure. The required forms and information are available on the loraincountyesc.org website under *Programs and Services*. Scroll to *Gifted & Talented* then *Referral Testing* to obtain the appropriate forms for mailing. Referral forms are also available at the student's school.

The *Referral* forms and *Permission to Test* forms need to be returned to the building principal by **August 1, 2011 for summer testing, October 17, 2011 for fall testing or March 19, 2012 for spring testing.**

District Screening & Assessment Team Gifted Policies & Procedures Whole-Grade Testing

The time, grade level, and approved test vary in each district

- Specific academic and cognitive testing is administered to whole groups
- Tests returned to building principals
- Test results sent to parents with cover letter explaining the purpose of the testing
- Gifted supervisor and district gifted team interpret data for gifted ID's and determine assessment pool
- Gifted ID's 128+ for most cognitive tests and/or 95+ for specific academic areas is reported to EMIS coordinator
- Assessment pool is determined (most districts use 120-127 cognitive and 90-94 specific academic (refer to Board Policy)
- Permission to re-test letters sent
- Whole group assessments coordinated by ESC gifted supervisors and district gifted teams
- ESC supervisors update testing results and add to district database
- Parent notification of test results is sent home
- Gifted supervisor and gifted teacher meet with building principal to determine classes. This is based on scores that meet the district service criteria (see PB-1 District Parent Brochure)
- Data is used for a variety of purposes. It determines gifted service placements, recognizes needs for RTI if gifted students are not scoring advanced or other students are scoring below proficient on achievement tests. It also provides value added data.

ESC Gifted Testing Policies & Procedures Referrals

Move-ins—Transfers—Individual Referrals

- Complies with HB 282 State Laws & rules
- Referrals to building principal
- Principal provides referral forms to be mailed to ESC or they are available on the loraincountyesc.org website
- ESC contacts parents with time and directions
- ESC Supervisors administer test and give results to building principal and GIS
- Placement for gifted service is dependent on meeting district service criteria stated in PB-1 and space availability
- ESC Gifted Supervisor sends testing results to parents
- ESC supervisors update testing results to district database
- ESC supervisors report updated information to EMIS coordinator
- Again, data is used for a variety of purposes. It determines gifted service placements, recognizes needs for RTI if gifted students are not scoring advanced or other students are scoring below proficient on achievement tests. It also provides value added data.

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