

Oberlin City School District

Permission for Testing for Gifted Identification

To the Parents/Guardian of: _____

School: _____ Grade: _____ Teacher: _____

Your child has been referred by a teacher or identified by school records as a potentially gifted child. Testing is required for identification purposes and may include group or individual intellectual ability and/or cognitive achievement tests. Some children are identified at the screening stage. Some need further testing to be identified at the assessment stage.

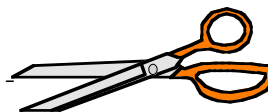
No testing will be done without your written permission. Please read the information below and return this form to your child's school, as soon as possible. Testing will most likely happen before the end of this school year. In some cases we may need to do the testing at the start of the next school year.

You will also find two forms attached to this letter - the Checklist for Cognitive/Achievement Skills and the Creativity Characteristics Checklist. If you are granting permission for the testing please complete these two forms and return them with the permission slip.

Having a child identified does not mean he or she will be receiving gifted services. Most school districts have only one certified gifted teacher position that is State funded. It is impossible for one teacher to serve all identified students. At present, the only State funded service in Oberlin City Schools is provided in a 4th-5th grade gifted pull-out resource room located at Prospect and a 6th grade resource room located at Langston Middle School. A student may also test as gifted in a specific subject area, such as reading or math, and not be eligible for participation in the resource room services. At this time only students who score especially high in all subject areas or who have an exceptionally high ability score are eligible for service. However, information provided through this extra testing is also very helpful for the regular classroom teacher to fully access the strengths and needs of the individual child.

If you have any questions please contact Assistant Superintendent Elaine Carlin at 440-774-1458, or Talent Development Program Teachers Kim Koos or John Memmott at 440-774-4421.

More information about the identification process and the Talent Development Program can be found on the internet at: <http://www.oberlin.k12.oh.us/talent/index.html>



I understand that if I grant permission, my child will receive assessment(s) by designated school personnel and that the information may be shared with teachers, principals, and other appropriate school personnel. I will be informed of whether or not my child qualifies, according to the State of Ohio criteria, for gifted identification.

- Permission is given to conduct the testing (both screening and assessment)
- Permission is denied.

Child's Name

Parent/Guardian Signature

Date