

CHARACTERISTICS OF GIFTED STUDENTS

North Fork Local Schools accepts referrals for gifted evaluations on an ongoing basis. If you feel one of your students display characteristics of a gifted student, but has not yet been identified, please use the following descriptors as a guide to assist with your recommendation.

A Gifted student, as defined by the state of Ohio, is a student who performs or shows potential for performing at remarkably high levels of accomplishment when compared to others of their age, experience, or environment.

A student need not exhibit all of the characteristics to be considered for gifted assessment, but should demonstrate many of them and to an outstanding level.

IN GENERAL

- Rapid learning ability with minimal (1-3) repetitions
- Has strong curiosity
- Is a keen observer
- Has a long attention span (*if interested*)
- Displays intellectual, emotional and/or physical intensity
- Prefers older companions or adults
- Has a great sense of humor
- Early or avid reader
- Judgment mature for age (*at times*)
- Has high degree of energy
- Has a vivid imagination
- Is highly creative

SUPERIOR COGNITIVE ABILITY

- Superior problem solving abilities
- Advanced abstract reasoning ability
- Wide range of interests and knowledge
- Exceptional ability to solve puzzles, mazes or logical puzzles
- Exceptional memory for information, facts and concepts
- Higher sensitivity to feelings, observations, and ideas
- Concerned with justice, fairness
- Extensive vocabulary
- Outstanding or advanced ability to draw conclusions from data

SPECIFIC ACADEMIC ABILITY

- Outstanding ability in a subject area (Math, Reading, Science, or Social Studies)
- Depth of subject understanding
- Rapid learning ability in subject area
- Fast, accurate work in subject area
- Thinks like a practitioner (thinks like a mathematician, scientist, etc.)
- Has a ready grasp of underlying or abstract concepts in subject area

To nominate a student for a gifted evaluation, please submit the Referral for Gifted Evaluation form to the Office of the Gifted Coordinator, located at the Licking County Educational Service Center.