

**Gahanna-Jefferson
Public Schools
Gifted and Talented Department**



The Gahanna-Jefferson Public Schools are dedicated to the idea that every student has the right to an education that provides opportunities for the maximum development of his/her potential. GJPS recognizes that a number of students in our schools have capabilities that far exceed those of their peers' age and the district encourages, fosters, and supports educational efforts to meet the educational and social emotional needs of the gifted and talented population.

STEP ONE Measure your child's ability in the area of superior cognitive, math and/or reading. The district uses tests for screening and gifted identification that are approved by the Ohio Department of Education. In Gahanna, we use the following tests:

Superior Cognitive Ability (Cog)

Cognitive Abilities Test (Form 7) or NNAT3: ID 130 minus the standard error of measure; Screen 3 points less than ID score

These tests are administered during 2nd grade and 5th grade to all students.

Specific Academic Ability (Math &/or Reading)

NWEA MAP Growth, Iowa Assessments (Form E-G) National Percentile Rank (NPR) , ID 95th NPR; Screen 93rd NPR

MAP Growth is administered to students grades 2 - 8 at least twice a year.

There are two opportunities throughout the year for students outside the tested grades to be referred for an assessment. Newly enrolled students may request testing upon enrollment.

STEP TWO Analyze your child's scores to determine his/her eligibility for service. GJPS offers two levels of services. These levels of service require specific identification and/or qualifying scores.

Students qualifying for GATE must have two gifted identifications.

- **GATE Math** - Superior cognitive ability and gifted math identification
- **GATE Reading** - Superior cognitive ability and gifted reading identification

Enrichment qualifying students must have one gifted identification (id) and one other qualifying score.

- **Math Enrichment** - Superior cognitive ability id and math of at least 85 NPR
- **Math Enrichment** - Cognitive ability of at least 115 and gifted math identification
- **Reading Enrichment** - Superior cognitive ability id and reading of at least 85 NPR
- **Reading Enrichment** - Cognitive ability of at least 115 and gifted reading identification

STEP THREE Use your child's service eligibility, to determine what services GJPS offers at each grade level in reading and/or math.

GATE Math	Grades 3-8
Math Enrichment	Grades 4-8
GATE Reading	Grades 4-8
Reading Enrichment	Grades 4-8

Please note that GATE services for the 21-22 school year in grades 4 & 5 are only offered at Blacklick Elementary, Chapelfield Elementary and High Point Elementary; grade 3 services are offered at Jefferson Elementary and Royal Manor Elementary. A child who qualifies for GATE service will be bussed to the GATE elementary school in his/her attendance zone.

GATE Math

- Grades 3, 4, 5 - Students leave their homeroom for instruction that is provided by a Gifted Intervention Specialist (GIS) in an alternate setting. The curriculum will be compacted and accelerated. By the end of fifth grade they will have learned more than half of the regular seventh grade material.
- Grades 6, 7, 8 - Most students will begin 6th grade taking either ACE 6/7 or ACE 7/8 math. These courses are taught by a regular classroom teacher and are compacted and accelerated. Once placement is decided, the student will follow the sequence of courses listed in Other Important Information.

Math Enrichment

- Grades 4, 5 - Students are specifically clustered with other Math Enrichment students in a regular classroom setting. A regular classroom teacher delivers the instruction that is differentiated and enriched as needed. A gifted specialist supports the classroom teacher as needed.
- Grades 6, 7, 8 - Students enter middle school in ACE 6/7 math. This compacted and accelerated course is taught by a regular classroom teacher with the support of a gifted specialist. Students will follow the progression of math classes listed in Other Important Information.

Elementary

GATE Reading

- Grades 4, 5 - Students leave their homeroom and instruction is provided by a Gifted Intervention Specialist (GIS) in an alternate setting. Curriculum is enriched and/or extended as appropriate.

Reading Enrichment

- Grades 4, 5 - Students are specifically clustered with other Reading Enrichment students in a regular classroom setting. A regular classroom teacher delivers grade level curriculum with enrichment and/or extension as needed. The regular classroom teacher receives support from a gifted specialist.

Middle School

GATE and Enrichment Reading

- Grades 6, 7, 8 - Gifted reading services are provided by the specific clustering of gifted served students into an honors 6th grade ACE English language arts class. This class is taught by a regular classroom teacher who receives support from a gifted intervention specialist. Students can continue on this progression of ACE ELA classes.

All regular classroom teachers who provide services to gifted students are required to receive professional development in eight gifted competencies.

Other Important Information

- Progression of MS/HS Math Classes
 - ACE 6/7 math
 - ACE 7/8 math
 - Algebra I
 - Honors Geometry
 - Honors Algebra II
 - Honors Pre-Calculus
 - AP Calculus AB
 - AP Calculus BC
- Referrals for gifted testing can be made by parents, students, and teachers. Contact your building principal or classroom teacher to begin this process.
- There are two testing windows for referrals: August 1st - September 1st and again from April 1st - May 1st.
- All students receiving gifted services will have a Written Education Plan (WEP) that outlines an overarching goal(s) for the year.
- Students progress at different rates. Teachers and families should continue to evaluate performance and appropriate placements.

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