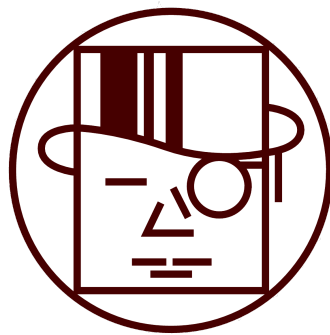


**Educational Programming for Identified  
Academically Talented Students  
Parent Information**



**2025-2026**

**Wellington Exempted Village Schools  
305 Union Street  
Wellington, OH 44090**

**[www.wellingtonvillageschools.org](http://www.wellingtonvillageschools.org)**

**or**

**ESC of Lorain County**

**Programs and Services for Gifted Students**

**[www.esclc.org](http://www.esclc.org)**

## **Identification**

The identification process is in compliance with the Ohio Department of Education guidelines, and uses only nationally normed tests on the state approved list. Subjective criteria are not used.

**Referral:** Students can be referred for assessment by parents, teachers, or students twice a year. Referral forms are available in the office of each school building or at [www.escl.org](http://www.escl.org).

**Screening:** The NWEA Measures of Academic Progress (MAP) assessments are used in grades 2 through grade 8 for reading and math three times a year. Students are screened in grades 2 and 5 for cognition using the Naglieri Nonverbal Abilities Test, Third Edition (NNAT3). Screening for Creative Thinking Ability also takes place in grades 2 and 5 using the Gifted and Talented Evaluation Scales, 2nd Edition (GATES 2).

**Assessment:** Following screening, small group and individual assessment are provided for potentially gifted students using an assessment for cognitive aptitude that has been approved by the Ohio Department of Education and Workforce. The Woodcock-Johnson IV (WJIV) or Stanford Achievement Test, Tenth Edition (SAT 10) are used for specific academic ability.

**Gifted Identification Notice:** The district's gifted identification plan identifies students in the areas of superior cognitive ability, specific academic ability, creative thinking ability, and visual arts ability. The identification process consists of three phases: pre-assessment, assessment for screening, and assessment for identification. Parents are notified within 30 days of when the results are received from the testing company.

**Assurances:** The district meets the ODE requirements for evaluation of students who are culturally diverse, economically disadvantaged, students with physical and sensory disabilities and students who have limited English proficiency. The district identifies using only state approved tests which are administered by trained personnel.

**Written Education Plans:** All students identified and served in a gifted program will have a Written Education Plan which is in compliance with the Ohio Operating Standards. Parents are provided with a copy of the plan in the fall of each school year. The goals stated on the plan are developed by the teacher or teachers responsible for providing service.

**Outside Testing:** The district will accept outside testing for gifted students if the test is on the state approved list, and if it was conducted in the previous twenty-four months.

**Transfer Students:** The district will review testing from previous schools to determine whether students qualify for services in Wellington Exempted Village Schools. Scores need to be from the previous twenty-four months.

**Acceleration:** The district has a state approved plan in place. The specific referral, screening and assessment process is detailed on the Wellington Exempted Village Schools or ESC websites.

**Written Acceleration Plans:** All students who are subject or whole-grade accelerated will receive a Written Acceleration Plan (WAP) which will be reviewed at the end of the acceleration period.

**Appeal:** The district has an appeals process for decisions regarding screening and identification (Ohio Revised Code Section 3324.03). The initial step in the process is to submit a written statement to the building principal explaining your reason for the appeal of identification within 14 calendar days of receiving identification results.

**Waiver:** The district has a waiver of assignments procedure in place.

**Withdrawal:** Withdrawals require parent permission. The written withdrawal request may be submitted to the building principal or the gifted supervisor..

### **Program Services**

**Grades 2:** Students identified as gifted receive services provided by their classroom teacher, with support from the Gifted Intervention Specialist, within the general education classroom. General Education service providers receive Ohio Department of Education and Workforce Mandated gifted professional development.

**Grades 3:** The Gifted Intervention Specialist supports the classroom teacher in differentiating and enriching core grade-level concepts for ELA and Math through a hybrid of resource supports.

**Grades 4-5:** Students who are identified as gifted in reading and/or math are placed in a self-contained classroom with like minded peers in their specific area of giftedness and services are provided by a gifted intervention specialist teacher. Students who are identified as Superior Cognitive or with the Creative Thinking identification, may be placed in one of the two subject areas in the self-contained room or services may be provided by the regular classroom teachers who have received professional development in the specific competencies for gifted education.

**Grades 6-8:** Gifted services are delivered by the general education teacher, in the form of a single-subject honors or regular classroom with a focus on content standards.

**Grades 9-12: Honors/Advanced Placement/College Credit Plus:** Services are delivered by the general education teacher, in the form of a single subject Honors, Advanced Placement, and/or in-house College Credit Plus course with a focus on content standards. Instructors of Advanced Placement and College Credit Plus courses receive additional training to instruct at this level.

### **Administration**

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### **Wellington High School (Grades 9 - 12)**

Mrs. Shyla Urban, Principal  
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### **McCormick Middle School (Grades 4 - 8)**

Mr. Robert Figuly, Principal  
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## **Westwood Elementary School (Grades Pre-K - 3)**

Mrs. Kimberly Milks

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The ESC of Lorain County Gifted Consortium sponsors professional development for gifted educators as well as special events for gifted students that align specific curriculum to state standards:

### **Professional Development**

Gifted Book Studies via Google Classroom

Guest Speaker Series

Gifted Toolbox Modules

Small group in-district sessions upon request

### **Countywide Gifted Programs & Services**

Classroom Attorney Workshops

Mock Trial

Academic Challenge

Visual Arts Identification

24 Game Semi-Finals/Finals



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