

Superior Cognitive Ability

- Superior cognitive ability refers to what we many times think of as "intellectually gifted." The intellectual giftedness is not directed toward specific academic areas but is defined as a general, overall intelligence.
- **Identification Requirements**
 - Score two standard deviations above the mean minus the standard error of measurement on an intelligence test; perform at or above the 95th percentile on a basic or composite battery of a nationally normed achievement test; or attain an approved score on an above grade-level standardized, nationally normed test.

Specific Academic Ability

- Specific academic ability refers to special ability in one or more academic fields including mathematics, science, reading/writing, and/or social studies.
- **Identification Requirements**
 - Perform at or above the 95th percentile at the national level on a standardized achievement test of specific academic ability in that field. A child may be identified as gifted in more than one specific academic ability field.

Creative Thinking Ability

- Creative Thinking ability refers to individuals who exhibit exceptional ability in generating new ideas that may have potential value to society.
- **Identification Requirements**
 - Score one standard deviation above the mean minus the standard error of measurement on an intelligence test and attain a sufficient score, as established by the Ohio Department of Education (ODE), on a test of creative ability or a checklist of creative behavior.

Visual/ Performing Arts Ability

- Visual or Performing Arts ability refers to individuals who exhibit exceptional natural ability in drawing, painting, sculpting, singing, playing a musical instrument, dancing, and/or theatrical performance.
- **Identification Requirements**
 - Demonstrate to a trained individual through a display of work, an audition, or other performance or exhibition, superior ability in a visual or performing arts area and attain a sufficient score, as established by ODE, on a checklist of behaviors related to a specific arts area.