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## VISUAL & PERFORMING ARTS GIFTED IDENTIFICATION

### **How are students identified as Gifted and Talented in the visual and performing arts?**

Hamilton Local Schools follows the state of Ohio mandate for identification in the visual and performing arts. Students are identified in five arts areas; vocal music, instrumental music, theater/drama, dance and visual art. To be identified, students must demonstrate ability and obtain an acceptable score on an Ohio Department of Education rubric in combination with a qualifying score on a state approved checklist of behaviors related to the specific arts area.

### **Who identifies students as gifted and talented in the visual and performing arts?**

Once parent permission is received for assessment, the visual and performing arts teachers complete a checklist of artistic behaviors for each screened student. If students earn a qualifying score on the checklist, they are invited to a performance audition, or for visual art, a portfolio evaluation (Phase Two). Students who earn a qualifying score on the state-approved performance rubric in combination with the checklist of artistic behaviors, are formally identified as gifted and talented in a specific area of the arts.

### **How and when are parents notified?**

If a child is newly identified in any area of the visual and performing arts, parents/guardians will receive an identification notification letter through U.S. mail within 30 days of the completed assessment.

### **Does the Gifted and Talented team offer direct service to gifted students?**

At this time, the state of Ohio only mandates gifted identification in the arts. Official service is not provided by Hamilton Local Schools. However, opportunities for identified students do exist throughout the district.