# Ohio Gifted Education Quick Start Guide

**Parents Start Here**

1. I want to have my child tested for gifted identification.
   - Contact your child’s teacher and make a formal referral for gifted identification testing.
   - School districts are required to provide two opportunities per year for testing based on referrals for students in kindergarten through grade 12.

2. I received a letter that states my child was identified as gifted. Now, I have questions about gifted services.
   - Contact your district and ask for the gifted coordinator.
   - Ask for the specific eligibility criteria for any formal gifted services offered by the district.
   - Districts are currently not required to provide gifted services, but where services are available districts must have objective, written eligibility criteria.

3. My child needs advanced work but no gifted services are available.
   - Contact your district’s gifted coordinator and the building principal to make a referral for acceleration.
   - Students can be accelerated in one or multiple subjects.
   - Ask for a copy of your district’s Acceleration Policy.

**Educators Start Here**

1. I just received a referral for gifted identification testing.
   - Contact your district’s gifted coordinator to make sure you follow the district’s referral process correctly.
   - School districts are required to provide two opportunities per year for testing based on referrals for students in kindergarten through grade 12.

2. Who can provide gifted services in my district?
   - Page 4 of the Gifted EMIS Data Tool on the [Ohio Department of Education website](https://education.ohio.gov) has a quick summary of the most common service options.

3. I have a question about obtaining gifted licensure or a gifted supplemental license.
   - Contact ODE Educator Licensure at 877-644-6338 or [educator.licensure@education.ohio.gov](mailto:educator.licensure@education.ohio.gov).