Ohio Department of Education

Gifted Innovative Service Process and Criteria for Proposals

Purpose:
In accordance with the *Operating Standards for Identifying and Serving Students Who are Gifted* (Ohio Administrative Code 3301-51-15), the Ohio Department of Education, in collaboration with the Gifted Advisory Council, has established an application process and criteria for the submission and review of proposals related to the design and delivery of **innovative services** for students who are gifted.

The Gifted Advisory Council, in collaboration with staff from the Office for Exceptional Children, convened on October 26, 2017, December 5, 2017, March 6, 2018, May 8, 2018, and October 3, 2018 to develop the process and criteria for the submission and review of gifted innovative service proposals.

Process:
The following process was followed:
- Members of the Gifted Advisory Council discussed the guiding principles of innovative services.
- Members provided input into the development of an innovative services definition, application process and criteria for review.
- Members offered feedback on the development of a draft application and evaluation tool.
- Members assisted with developing districts' application submission process, criteria, and timeline.
- Members reviewed the draft application and evaluation tool on November 28, 2018.
- Members were sent copies of the revised documents for input on January 9, 2019.
- Comments from the members were reviewed by ODE gifted education program specialists.
- Gifted innovative service application and evaluation tool is ready to post in mid-January 2019.

Timeline for submission and review process
Districts' gifted innovative service applications are due April 1, 2019 for services beginning with the 2019-2020 school year. A two-tier process will be utilized to review applications. Tier-one includes gathering feedback from a subcommittee of the Gifted Advisory Council on the applications in April. After receiving feedback from the subcommittee, ODE gifted education program specialists at tier-two of the process, will review the applications using the evaluation tool and will either approve or deny applications. Applicants must receive "meets criteria" in all areas of the *Evaluation Tool for Innovative Service* to be approved for a gifted innovative service. ODE will make all final approvals of applications.

Districts will be notified of initial decisions by May 3, 2019. Applicants that "do not meet criteria" will receive comments from the Review Subcommittee. If there is insufficient information from the applicant, more information will be requested. Districts' appeals are due May 17, 2019. Districts will receive notification of final decisions by May 31, 2019.