

*"...the goal of gifted and talented education, Pre-K to 12, [should] be the development of gifted young adults, that is, students who by high school graduation possess the task commitment and creative spirit to complement their high levels of cognitive ability, individuals who have the emotional and vocational maturity and the patience to acquire the necessary expertise to make significant contributions in their chosen careers."*

*Ernesto Bernal*

*"Gifted Child Quarterly," Summer, 2003*

## About Gifted Education

Under the direction of the **Office of Elementary Academic Affairs**, this office is responsible for identifying and working to meet the needs of our gifted students by developing, delivering and encouraging ability-appropriate academic challenges as well as social/emotional support for the student.



**A Great Place to Learn  
A Great Place to Live**

### Vision

Our vision is to be the benchmark of educational excellence.

### Mission

Our mission is to prepare students to contribute to the competitive and changing world in which we live.

### Values

Driven by a vision to be the benchmark of educational excellence, the Westerville School District strives daily to exemplify the following organizational values:

Respect, Inclusiveness, Community,  
Communication, Collaboration, Innovation,  
Nurturing, Trust, Accountability

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## Middle School Services

**A continuum of support for gifted students.**

### Gifted Education Program

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Vicki L. Jarrell  
District Gifted Education Coordinator

## Department Objectives

To provide differentiated activities which address student interest and choice in advanced classes for mathematics, science, language arts and social studies.

To support classroom instruction which addresses the identified strengths of gifted students.

To enhance and personalize learning opportunities so individual students can maximize their talents.

## National Gifted Standards

- Creative problem solving
- Critical thinking
- Divergent thinking
- Interpersonal relations
- Logical reasoning
- Oral expression
- Research methods
- Written expression

## Service Delivery

Each Middle School in the Westerville City School District provides the services of one part-time Middle School Gifted Coordinator for the students who have been identified as gifted by the procedures and criteria established by the Ohio Revised Code. The services consist of opportunities and activities in grades 6, 7, and 8.

The Middle School Gifted Coordinator provides consultation and professional development to staff to meet the affective and instructional needs of gifted students.

The Middle School Gifted Coordinator provides enrichment opportunities such as:

- Special seminars
- Career explorations
- Independent studies
- Advanced coursework
- Mentorships
- Academic competitions
- Information about extra-curricular opportunities

## Gifted Office Staff

### Office of Elementary Academic Affairs

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### Middle School Gifted Facilitators

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Ms. Debbie Pellington

## Gifted Resources

### OAGC

Ohio Association for Gifted Children  
Ann Sheldon, *Executive Director*  
ExecutiveDirector@oagc.com  
www.oagc.com

### NAGC

National Association for Gifted Children  
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### Ohio Department of Education- Office for Exceptional Children Gifted Educational Consultants

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