

# Gifted Education Update

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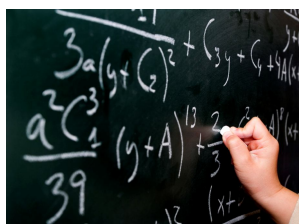
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## 1. 2009 Statewide ODE Javits I-GET-GTEd Conference

ODE is pleased to announce the 2009 Statewide ODE Javits I-GET-GTEd Conference.

**What/When:**

Track One on **Thursday, September 17** from 8:30-4:00 is a NEW Facilitator Workshop for gifted coordinators and gifted intervention specialists who have not previously been trained as a Facilitator in the online ODE Javits I-GET-GTEd modules. The workshop will include an overview of the modules, suggestions for using the modules, and strategies for delivering professional development to staff in your district(s).

Track Two on **Friday, September 18** from 8:30-4:00 is an Advanced Workshop for gifted coordinators and gifted intervention specialists who have already been trained as Facilitators. The workshop will include sessions on module enhancements, suggestions for using specific features of the modules, and breakouts for Facilitators to share their ideas and practices for using individual modules.

**Where:**

ESC of Central Ohio  
2080 Citygate Drive  
Columbus, OH 43219  
(an information form with map is available at the links below)

**Registration:**

Registration will be on a first-come first-served basis. A registration form is available on the front page of ODE Javits web site at <http://edhd.bgsu.edu/ode/>. You can use the form to register by email, fax or regular mail. You can also find the registration form and more information about I-GET-GTEd on the ODE web page at [education.ohio.gov](http://education.ohio.gov) by searching "ODE Javits".

**Cost:**

There is no registration fee for either day of the conference. However, please note that due to spending restrictions, coffee, beverages and snacks will not be provided. Lunch will be on your own. A list of nearby restaurants will be available.

District funds from the Gifted Identification Factor and Gifted Intervention Specialist Professional Development Factor described in the FY10/11 Biennial Budget can be used to cover the cost of attending the workshop per your district/ESC guidelines.

**Questions:**

If you have questions, please contact Sandy Lowry at [sandra.lowry@ode.state.oh.us](mailto:sandra.lowry@ode.state.oh.us)

## 2. Please Update District Gifted Contact Information in OEDS

If the contact information for the gifted contact in your district will change for the 2009-2010 school year, please ask your district OEDS administrator to enter updated information for the OEDS-R database. ODE sends official information about gifted funding, data reporting, and policy changes to districts using the contact information from OEDS, so it is important for districts to update their OEDS information whenever there are staff changes.

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### 3. Submit Input on new Academic Content Standards

The state of Ohio has begun the process of revising the current Ohio Academic Content Standards. Materials posted and input requested on Academic Content Standards revision process PowerPoint presentations with talking points presented at the June 30 discussion group meetings for teachers and curriculum directors about the Academic Content Standards revision process are now posted as PDFs on ODE's Web site at <http://education.ohio.gov>, keyword search: Revision.



Please review the posted materials and provide your feedback via the online questionnaire located on the same page. We encourage the gifted community to provide as much input as possible in this important change. The survey will be available through August 14. Additional opportunities to provide feedback throughout the standards revision process will be available.

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### 4. Spending and FER Deadlines for Gifted ID Funds

A Final Expenditure Report (FER) must be submitted for Gifted Supplemental Identification Funds FY09 not later than **August 30, 2009**. Please email Tom Main at [tom.main@ode.state.oh.us](mailto:tom.main@ode.state.oh.us) if you have any questions. Please note that, because this is the second year of a state budget biennium, unspent funds cannot be "carried over." Any funds not used before the end of the fiscal year must be refunded to ODE.

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### 5. New Assessment Possibility

The Gifted Consultants are investigating the possible inclusion of the Measures of Academic Progress (MAP) from the Northwest Evaluation Association on the Chart of Approved Instruments for Gifted Screening and Identification.

If your district currently uses the MAP test in any way, please contact let us know what you think of the assessment. We are also interested in any data that may support the use of this assessment for gifted identification. Contact us at [gifted@ode.state.oh.us](mailto:gifted@ode.state.oh.us).

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### 6. Revising Gifted Identification Plans

All districts must have a revised identification plan on file at ODE. Information on the new process for revising gifted identification plans can be found on the ODE website (search term: revising gifted ID). Questions and revised ID plans can be directed to Rosemary Pearson at [rosemary.pearson@ode.state.oh.us](mailto:rosemary.pearson@ode.state.oh.us).

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### 7. Iowa Acceleration Scale (Edition 3) Approved

The Iowa Acceleration Scale (IAS), Third Edition has been approved as a tool for districts to use in evaluating students for possible accelerated placements. Districts are encouraged to use the new edition of the IAS. The Iowa Acceleration Scale (IAS), Second Edition may be used, however, through April of 2010.

The 3rd edition of the Iowa Acceleration Scale has been refined based on research and user feedback, and includes expanded guidance for early entrance evaluation. The new edition also includes new information regarding accelerating twice-exceptional students, English Language Learners, and culturally diverse students. Additionally, assessment options have been expanded to include use of group tests under certain circumstances.

#### FEATURED ODE WEB LINKS

To see the most updated information on the **state budget**, visit [www.ode.state.oh.us](http://www.ode.state.oh.us) and search for "budget information."

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## 8. State Budget Update

A final state budget has been signed into law for the 2010-2011 biennium which started July 1st. The budget includes many changes to the system of state funding for schools, including gifted education.

The new budget eliminates “gifted unit funding” and includes changes for gifted identification funding as well. Most districts will see increased funding for gifted education under the new system.

The new gifted education funding model is based on “factors” for gifted identification, gifted coordinators, gifted intervention specialists, and gifted intervention specialist professional development. The gifted identification factor will be based on \$5 per total ADM. The coordinator factor will be calculated by dividing total district ADM by 2,500 and then multiplying that number by \$66,375 in the first year of the biennium and by \$67,660 in the second year. The gifted intervention specialist factor will be calculated by multiplying the number of district “organizational units” by the state base teacher salary by the district “Educational Challenge Factor” (ECF). Full funding for the gifted intervention specialist factor is to be phased in over the next ten years, starting at 20% of the formula for the new school year and increasing to 30% for the second year of the biennium. The professional development factor will also be phased in over time, and is based on the number of organizational units in a district. Districts are required to maintain spending for gifted education at a level at least equal to the amount they received directly for unit funding in the 2008-2009 school year plus the cost of services obtained from an ESC in 2008-2009 which were covered using unit funding allocated to the ESC based on ADM transferred to the ESC by the district.

Please note that there is no longer a mechanism for districts to purchase gifted services from Educational Service Centers (or from other districts) by transferring ADM. Therefore, districts that intend to obtain gifted services from an ESC or from another district should plan to use gifted “factor” funding to purchase these services and should contact their ESCs to arrange a contract.

In addition to changes for district gifted funding, the budget bill allocates \$8.1 million in gifted funding directly to ESCs, eliminates funding for the Summer Honors Institutes and the Martin W. Essex School for the Gifted. The new budget also requires the development of a new gifted education “performance indicator” for districts and for revising the gifted operating standards to be aligned with the funding model. ODE will be seeking input from the field on the performance indicator and standards revision, and will share more information about the development process in the coming months.

ODE’s Office of School Finance is working hard to develop spreadsheets, reports, and technical assistance resources to help schools understand the new funding model and predict the level of funding they will receive. Regularly updated information about the ongoing budget process is available from the ODE Website at the following link: <http://www.ode.state.oh.us/GD/Templates/Pages/ODE/ODEDetail.aspx?page=523> The ODE gifted education staff will also be publishing updated guidance and technical assistance as details regarding implementation of the new state education funding model emerge.

**How to Subscribe/Unsubscribe to Gifted listserv**

The Gifted Update is now sent via listserv, which is a type of mailing list that allows any interested person to add or remove themselves to/from the subscriber list by simply sending an email to: [join-is\\_giftedupdate@lsmail.ode.state.oh.us](mailto:join-<u>is_giftedupdate@lsmail.ode.state.oh.us</u>)

No subject title or message in the body of the email is necessary. It is no longer necessary to send an email to the Gifted Department. Please pass this message on to anyone interested in receiving the Gifted Update.

In addition, at the bottom of each email you receive from now on, you will see a message explaining how to unsubscribe yourself from the list should your circumstances change and you would no longer like to receive the update. We hope this makes the distribution of the update faster and easier for everyone. If you have questions about the listserv, please contact [lauren.angelone@ode.state.oh.us](mailto:lauren.angelone@ode.state.oh.us).

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## 9. Kudos to Summer Honors Reviewers

We appreciate the help of our volunteers who each spent a day or two reviewing the Summer Honors Institutes. We had the opportunity to observe exciting classes and meet many happy, enthusiastic students. Thanks to:

Sandi Freeman  
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We're on the Web!  
Go to the ODE site and  
search the term  
"gifted."

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## 10. ODE's Gifted Department bids farewell to Eric Calvert and Mary Rizza

As of this month, Assistant Director Eric Calvert and Consultant Mary Rizza will be leaving the Gifted Department to pursue other opportunities. Eric and Mary have been an integral part of the Gifted team and will be greatly missed. Eric will be working to complete his dissertation, conduct research on online learning and professional development at Bowling Green State University, and pursue other opportunities. Mary will be working with the University of Findlay to launch a new gifted endorsement program recently approved by the Educator Standards Board. In addition, Mary will serve as the director of Creative Connections Group, an educational consulting group working with gifted students, their families and schools. After August 28, Mary can be reached at [mary@ccgohio.com](mailto:mary@ccgohio.com). Eric can be reached on Skype (ecalvert123) and through major online professional and social networking sites.

We would like to thank Eric and Mary for their contributions to the gifted community and wish them luck in the future.

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## 11. Non-ODE Items of Interest

### OAGC Conference

The Annual Fall Conference of the Ohio Association for Gifted Children will be on October 11-13, 2009 at the Hilton at Easton Town Center, Columbus, Ohio. Visit <http://www.oagc.com> for more details.

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### NAGC Conference

Here's just a sample of what you'll experience November 5-8, 2009, at the NAGC 56<sup>th</sup> Annual Convention & Exhibition in St. Louis:

- 250+ content-rich sessions covering 15 topic strands in gifted education
- Updates on the latest research in gifted education from experts in the field
- Networking opportunities with fellow educators, researchers, and parents of gifted children, and the
- Exhibit hall featuring new products, publications, technology, and resources.
- In a word (or two) - it is your opportunity to expand your horizons, learn from the leaders in your field, and share your successes and challenges with others who have been there who, like you, support the diverse needs of high-ability learners.

Visit <http://www.nagc.org/index.aspx?id=2692> for more information.

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### Davidson Institute Seeks Extraordinary Achievers to Receive \$50,000, \$25,000 And \$10,000 Davidson Fellow Scholarships

If you are a student under 18 as of Oct. 1, 2010 and working on a graduate-level project in any field of study, you may want to consider applying for the 2010 Davidson Fellows scholarship. The Davidson Institute for Talent Development is offering high-achieving young people across the country the opportunity to be named as 2010 Davidson Fellows, an honor accompanied by a \$50,000, \$25,000 or \$10,000 scholarship in recognition of a significant piece of work in Science, Technology, Mathematics, Music, Literature, Philosophy or Outside the Box.

Applicants must submit an original piece of work recognized by experts in the field as significant and it must have the potential to make a positive contribution to society. The scholarship must be used at any accredited institute of learning. The deadline to apply is March 3, 2010. To find out more, please visit [www.DavidsonGifted.org/Fellows](http://www.DavidsonGifted.org/Fellows)