

## **Frequently Asked Questions Gifted Application Management Site**

### **Is there anything I need to do before I begin an online application?**

Gifted referrals are not required to complete an application. Parents/guardians may complete an application at any time during the application period.

### **Can I get help completing the application?**

Your school's Gifted Resource Teacher (GRT) can guide you through the application process and answer any questions you may have about the process and/or the gifted program itself.

### **How do I log in to the application site?**

You will use your student's Chromebook username and password to log in. The Chromebook username is the student ID (lunch number). If you don't know the password, you can contact your student's teacher or GRT for assistance in obtaining the password. Please note: passwords may be changed quarterly.

### **Why have I been "timed out" of the application?**

You will be timed out and comments may not be saved if you are on the site for an extended period.

### **Where can I learn more about the gifted program in Virginia Beach City Public Schools (VBCPS)?**

To learn more about the VBCPS gifted program, please visit: <https://www.vbschools.com/academics/gifted>

### **What happens after I submit an application?**

Your student will be scheduled for testing. The GRT will notify you of the testing date.

### **Who administers testing?**

Trained central office staff and building level educators administer the *Naglieri Nonverbal Ability Test* and the *Cognitive Abilities Test* to all applicants.

### **How is the test administered?**

Students will take the test online. Directions as well as sample questions are given at the start of each test/subtest.

### **How do I prepare my student for testing?**

A good night's sleep and a nutritious breakfast are the only preparation necessary.

### **What if my student has an IEP/504?**

Testing accommodations as noted in the IEP or 504 are followed for all testing completed by the Gifted Testing Office. If you have questions regarding testing for your student, please contact the Gifted Testing Office at 757-263-6870 to speak with an Assessment Specialist.

### **What if my student is absent on the scheduled testing date?**

Each school will have a scheduled make-up date so all applicants have one opportunity to make-up the test.

### **How do I view/interpret my student's test scores?**

Scores are posted on [ParentVue](#) before the applicable committee meeting. Each test/subtest provides a score and a percentile. If you need assistance accessing your ParentVue account, please contact 757-263-1111 between the hours of 7:30 a.m. and 4:00 p.m., Monday through Friday (excluding holidays).

### **Do test scores determine eligibility for intellectual gifted services?**

No, test scores alone do not determine whether a student is identified for gifted services.

### **Who determines if my student is eligible for intellectual gifted services in VBCPS?**

Applications are reviewed by the Gifted Identification and Placement Committee to determine *identification* for gifted services. The components of the application are teacher information form, current report card, standardized test scores, GRT comments, Performance Based Task (grade 1 only), and student interview responses (grades 5-7 only). No single component can be the determining factor for the committee's decision.

**If my student is identified gifted, what services are provided?**

Gifted services in VBCPS are provided via the Resource-Cluster program at your student's school. All VBCPS schools offer the Resource-Cluster program, which provides instruction through the differentiation of curricula responsive to the student's educational needs, the incorporation of strategies designed to raise the level of learning, and the availability of specialized programs.

**What is Old Donation School? Is it a private school?**

Old Donation School, commonly referred to as "ODS", is a centralized gifted school serving selected gifted students in grades two through eight. Admission is application based and requires that students meet the criteria for gifted identification in VBCPS.

**If my student is identified gifted, will he/she be considered for enrollment at Old Donation School (ODS)?**

To be considered for enrollment at ODS, a student must have a submitted application for the "Old Donation School Intellectual Program," be identified gifted in VBCPS, and be a resident of Virginia Beach.

**My student is applying to ODS but is already identified gifted, will he/she still need to be tested?**

Yes, all ODS applicants are tested regardless of previous identification. Test scores are a required component of the ODS application.

**Who can I contact if I have additional questions?**

- Resource-Cluster Program: Contact your school's Gifted Resource Teacher.
- Testing/Application questions: Contact the Gifted Testing Office at 757-263-6870.