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GIFTED IN THE UNITED STATES

Javits Act

In 1988 the *Jacob Javits Gifted and Talented Students Education Act* was first passed by Congress as a part of the *Elementary and Secondary Education Act*. This legislation provides the only means of federal support for states. Local school districts do not benefit from the *Javits Act*. State Education Agencies must apply for *Javits* funding to support initiatives such as research, innovative work and reducing achievement gaps. The *National Center on Research on Gifted Education* at the University of Connecticut is supported by the *Javits Act*.

Gifted by States

There is no federal mandate for identification or services for gifted students. As a result, gifted in the United States looks like a patchwork quilt. Some states are ahead of others due to full funding and legislation while many other states simply leave gifted up to local education agencies or districts. The *National Association for Gifted Children (NAGC)* provides updates on what is happening in each state. “Gifted by State” is the link that provides this information.

Some states recognize different types of giftedness. For example, in Ohio, we recognize intellectual, academic, visual and performing arts as well as creative thinking. Some states recognize leadership as a type of giftedness. Other states focus on low SES, underachieving and culturally/ethnically diverse populations.



ORGANIZATIONS - STATE

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OAGC, founded in 1952, is an organization for the purpose of supporting gifted education for students. The OAGC has an executive director and a governing board with representation from gifted coordinators throughout the twelve regions in the state, higher education, parents, teachers and a technology chair. There are representatives from each of the twelve regions, as well as representatives from the *Coordinator, Parent, Higher Education, and Teacher Division*.

Under the umbrella of OAGC, there are affiliate organizations throughout the state. Some affiliates are parent groups, while others are coordinator groups. Current information about the affiliate contacts may be found on the OAGC web site.

OAGC events: Fall Conference (generally in October)
Coordinator Division Winter Workshop (December)
Teacher Academy (late winter/early spring)

Publication: *OAGC Review* (published three times a year)

Web site: <http://www.oagc.com>

Facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/OhioAGC>

Twitter: www.twitter.com/oagcgifted

Google+ page: <https://plus.google.com/u/0/+OagcGifted/about>

Pinterest: <https://www.pinterest.com/oagcparent/>

YouTube Channel: <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC0Cm1U25Bmr1f7z56AbD9Zw>

OAGC also provides **advocacy updates** regarding gifted education in Ohio. Those may be found at www.oagc.com/advocacyalerts.asp.

OAGC REGIONS



Ohio Association for Gifted Children Regional Associations – Go to www.oagc.com, click on Contact OAGC to find the Regional Representative and learn about Professional Development opportunities available in the Region.

(by counties)

- Region 1: Delaware, Franklin, Licking, Madison, Union, Pickaway
- Region 2: Defiance, Erie, Fulton, Henry, Lucas, Ottawa, Sandusky, Williams, Wood
- Region 3: Allen, Auglaize, Hancock, Hardin, Mercer, Paulding, Putnam, Van Wert
- Region 4: Champaign, Clark, Darke, Greene, Logan, Miami, Montgomery, Preble, Shelby
- Region 5: Brown, Butler, Clermont, Clinton, Fayette, Hamilton, Highland, Warren
- Region 6: Crawford, Huron, Knox, Marion, Morrow, Richland, Seneca, Wyandot
- Region 7: Adams, Gallia, Jackson, Lawrence, Pike, Ross, Scioto
- Region 8: Ashtabula, Cuyahoga, Geauga, Lake, Lorain
- Region 9: Ashland, Holmes, Medina, Portage, Stark, Summit, Wayne
- Region 10: Belmont, Carroll, Coshocton, Guernsey, Harrison, Jefferson, Monroe, Morgan, Muskingum, Noble, Tuscarawas
- Region 11: Athens, Fairfield, Hocking, Meigs, Perry, Vinton, Washington
- Region 12: Columbiana, Mahoning, Trumbull

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Connecting for High Potential
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NAGC is the national organization that supports gifted education. The organization offers research, position papers, publications, an online store for gifted materials, an annual fall conference, professional development as well as information about gifted throughout the country.

NAGC Webinars

As a new OAGC membership benefit, all OAGC members have free access to the NAGC webinars on Wednesdays. To obtain the access code, simply log in to the OAGC web site, click on the general membership area and the NAGC WOW access code will be posted. Use this unique code to register for the NAGC webinars. If a member does not know his or her OAGC membership log in, please contact Kay Tarbutton at sktarbutton@sbcglobal.net.

