Referral Process

The district ensures there are ample and appropriate scheduling procedures for assessments and reassessment using: group tests and individually administered tests. Referral forms are available in each of the schools upon request. Children may be referred on an ongoing basis, based on the following: child request (self-referral), teacher recommendation, parent/guardian request, child referral of peer; and other (e.g., psychologist, community members, principal, gifted coordinator, etc.) Upon receipt of a referral, the district will follow the process as outlined in the district plan and notify parents of the results of screening or assessment and identification. The district shall provide at least two opportunities a year for assessment in the case of children requesting assessment or recommended for assessment by teachers, parents, or other children.

All Pickerington Local School students will be academically screened in the third and fifth grades using standardized testing. State assessments are not permitted to be used to identify students. In the other grades, students will be assessed on an as-needed basis to determine gifted identification. A student may be individually referred for testing at any time by a teacher, parent, or self-request. Individual tests are scheduled at a minimum, twice a year. Visual and performing arts referrals can be made by the districts’ arts teachers, however can also be made by any teacher, parents or students as well.