

GIFTED AND TALENTED STUDENT PROGRAM

The Governing Board believes that all students deserve an education that challenges them to meet their fullest potential. The Board shall provide gifted and talented students opportunities for learning commensurate with their particular abilities and talents.

Programs for gifted and talented students may include special day classes, part-time and cluster groupings which shall be planned and organized as an integrated, differentiated learning experience within the regular school day. These programs may be augmented or supplemented with other differentiated activities related to the core curriculum using such strategies as independent study, acceleration, postsecondary education, and enrichment.

The Superintendent or designee shall determine the most appropriate curricular components for participating students. Each participating student's program shall include an academic component and, as appropriate, instruction in basic skills.

The Superintendent or designee shall ensure the full participation of eligible students regardless of their ethnic, cultural, linguistic, or economic background.

Staff development shall be provided to support teachers of gifted and talented students in understanding the unique learning styles and abilities of these students and in developing appropriate instructional strategies.

The Board shall regularly be informed regarding the district's program in meeting the needs of gifted and talented students.

The Superintendent or designee shall designate a district coordinator to be responsible for all aspects of the program. In addition, the Superintendent or designee shall appoint an advisory committee to support the needs of the program and to assist in program planning, implementation, and evaluation. The committee shall include the program coordinator, parents/guardians, staff, community members, and students as appropriate.

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