

2464 GIFTED AND TALENTED STUDENTS (M)

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[See POLICY ALERT Nos. 95, 153, 161, 164, 211 and 221]

The Board of Education recognizes its responsibility to identify gifted and talented students within the school district and to provide these students appropriate instructional adaptations and services. To that end, the Board directs that each such student in the school district be identified and offered an appropriate educational program and services.

For purposes of this policy, “gifted and talented students” ~~means will be defined as those exceptionally able~~ students who possess or demonstrate high levels of ability in one or more content areas when compared to their chronological peers in the district and who require modification of their educational program if they are to achieve in accordance with their capabilities.

~~For the purpose of this Policy, “instructional adaptation” means an adjustment or modification to instruction enabling a student who is gifted and talented to participate in, benefit from, and demonstrate knowledge and application of the New Jersey Student Learning Standards in one or more content areas at the instructional level of the student, not just the student’s grade level.~~

~~The Superintendent of Schools or designee shall ensure that the appropriate instructional adaptations are designed for students who are gifted and talented.~~

~~The Board shall develop appropriate curricular and instructional modifications to be used for gifted and talented students indicating content, process, products and learning environments.~~

The Superintendent ~~or designee shall will~~ develop procedures, ~~using multiple measures,~~ for ~~the an~~ on-going ~~Kindergarten through grade twelve~~ identification process ~~and appropriate educational challenges~~ for gifted and talented students ~~that includes multiple measures in order to identify student strengths in intellectual ability, creativity, or a specific academic area,; initiated in kindergarten and reviewed annually through grade 12.~~ The identification process shall include consideration of all students, including those who are English language learners and those with Individualize Education Plans or 504 Plans. ~~methodology will be developmentally appropriate, nondiscriminatory and related to the programs and services offered by the district.~~



The Superintendent or designee will develop and document appropriate curricular and instructional modifications used for gifted and talented students indicating content, process, products, and learning environments, and including, but not limited to, additional education activities such as academic competitions, guest speakers, and lessons with a specialist.

~~The individualized educational programs offered to gifted and talented students should encourage and challenge them in the specific areas of their abilities, but will not replace the basic instructional program of the various grades of this district. The program offered to an exceptional student may be a “pull out” or infused into the student's regular instructional program.~~

The Superintendent or designee will take into consideration the Gifted Programming Standards, Position Statements, and White Papers of the National Association for Gifted Children in identifying and serving gifted and talented students.

The district will provide the time and resources to develop, review, and enhance instructional tools with modifications for helping gifted and talented students acquire and demonstrate mastery of the required knowledge and skills specified by the standards at the instructional level of the student.

The district will actively assist and support professional development for teachers, educational services staff, and school leaders in the area of gifted and talented instruction.

The district shall file with the New Jersey Department of Education Coordinator for Gifted and Talented Services a report by October 1, 2020 and thereafter on a schedule that coincides with the school district's New Jersey Quality Single Accountability Continuum (QSAC) review pursuant to N.J.S.A. 18A:7A-11. The report shall include, but not be limited to, the gifted and talented continuum of services, policies, and procedures implemented in the school district; the total number of students receiving gifted and talented services in each grade level Kindergarten through grade twelve disaggregated by race, gender, special education designation, and English language learner designation; the professional development opportunities provided for teachers, educational services staff, and school leaders about gifted and talented students, their needs, and educational development; and the number of staff employed by the school district whose job responsibilities include identification of and providing services to gifted and talented students. Programs for gifted and talented students will be periodically evaluated for their continuing efficacy and adjusted accordingly.



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The parent or legal guardian of any student identified as gifted or talented shall be consulted regarding any program designed to address the student's particular needs.

An individual who believes that the district has not complied with the provisions of N.J.S.A. 18A:35-34 et seq. may file a complaint with the Board of Education. This policy for filing a complaint shall be linked to the homepage of the Board's Internet website. The Board shall issue a decision, in writing, to affirm, reject, or modify the district's action in the matter. The individual may then file a petition of appeal of the Board's written decision to the Commissioner of Education through the Office of Controversies and Disputes in accordance with N.J.S.A. 18A:6-9 and the procedures set forth in State Board of Education regulations.

The district shall make detailed information available on its website regarding the policies and procedures used to identify students as gifted and talented and the continuum of services offered to gifted and talented students. The information shall include the criteria used for consideration for eligibility for the gifted and talented services, including the multiple measures used in the identification process to match a student's needs with services, and any applicable timelines in the identification process.

N.J.S.A. 18A:61A-2; 18A:35-4.16; 18A:35-34 through 39
N.J.A.C. 6A:8-1.3; 6A:8-3.1(a)5
P.L. 108-382, Sec. 10201 et seq.

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