

Instruction

Gifted and Talented Pupil Program

The Board of Education believes that all students deserve an education that challenges them to meet their full potential. The District shall provide gifted and talented students opportunities for advanced learning, skills and understanding, commensurate with their particular abilities and talents by participating in the California Gifted and Talented Pupil Program.

The District determines a student's eligibility based on a collection of evidence such as tests, records, surveys, samples and interviews. The District employs identification procedures and programmatic approaches to ensure that pupils from economically disadvantaged and varying cultural backgrounds are included in the program. Written parental consent shall be secured before students participate in the program.

Programs for gifted and talented students may include special, self-contained classes, part-time groupings 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, content acceleration, post-secondary education and enrichment.

The District shall determine the most appropriate curricular components for participating students. Each participating student's gifted and talented program shall include a differentiated academic component in addition to instruction aligned with state content standards.

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

Program planning, implementation and evaluation shall involve parents/guardians, staff, community members and students, as appropriate. The Board of Education shall conduct an annual assessment of the Gifted and Talented Program.

Legal Reference: Education Code, Sections 52200-52213 Gifted and Talented Pupil Program; 62000,11 Sunset Date; Code of Regulations, Title 5 3820-3870 Gifted and Talented Pupil Program

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