

GIFTED AND TALENTED STUDENT PROGRAM

The Governing Board believes that all students deserve an education that challenges them at their ability level. The district shall participate in the California Gifted and Talented Pupil Program in order to give gifted and talented students opportunities to acquire skills and understanding at levels commensurate with their potential. By cultivating their exceptional abilities or talents, these students may contribute significantly to our society's progress in diverse fields.

To carry out the district's gifted and talented program, the Superintendent or designee shall develop a written plan which meets the standards of law. The district's GATE program shall be operated as specified in the plan.

The Superintendent or designee shall develop methods for examining a student's range of capabilities and identifying students from varying backgrounds whose capacities far exceed those of their age group by virtue of one or more of the following:

1. Intellectual ability
2. Creative ability
3. Specific academic ability
4. Leadership ability
5. High achievement
6. Talent in visual or performing arts. (Code of Regulations, Title 5, Section 3822).

Gifted and talented programs may offer special day classes; part-time grouping; enrichment activities; cluster grouping; independent study; acceleration; postsecondary education opportunities; services for underachieving, linguistically or culturally divergent and/or economically disadvantaged eligible students; and special counseling or instruction not offered in the regular classroom. Each participating student's gifted and talented program shall include an academic component and, where appropriate, instruction in basic skills. (Education Code 52206).

The Superintendent or designee shall establish procedures which ensure parent/guardian participation in planning, evaluating and implementing the program. (Education Code 52208). Written parental consent shall be secured before students participate in the program. (Code of Regulations, Title 5, Section 3831).

The Board shall conduct an annual assessment of the gifted and talented program. (Education Code 52208).

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Legal Reference

EDUCATION CODE

52200-52212

Gifted and Talented Pupil Program

CODE OF REGULATIONS, TITLE 5

3820-3870

Gifted and Talented Pupil Program

Management Resources

CDE PROGRAM ADVISORIES

6271.09

School-Based Program Coordination Act

0620.09

Use of Categorical Funds for Motivation Incentives