

Instruction

Gifted and Talented Students Program

The Hamden Public Schools are committed to recognizing and promoting the individual strengths, gifts, and talents of all children.

The district, in conjunction with State of Connecticut regulations and requirements, will identify students demonstrating extraordinary ability academically, creatively and artistically.

The identification process is based on a multi-criteria assessment process, typically including both subjective and objective data.

Upon the identification of a student as gifted and talented, the District shall provide electronic notice of such identification to the parent/guardian of such student. Such notice shall include, but need not be limited to:

1. an explanation of how such student was identified as gifted and talented,
2. the contact information for the District's employee in charge of the provision of services to gifted and talented students, or, if there is no such employee, the District's employee in charge of the provision of special education and related services,
3. the employee at the State Department of Education who has been designated as responsible for providing information and assistance to Boards of Education and parents or guardians of students related to gifted and talented students, pursuant to section 10-3e of the General Statutes, and
4. any associations in the state that provide support to gifted and talented students.

Identified students may be accommodated in a variety of ways including, but not limited to extensions to the curriculum and access to a broad spectrum of learning experiences which increase knowledge and develop skills. The school district shall utilize the guidelines, developed and promulgated by the State Department of Education (SDE), for providing services to those students. The guidelines include best practices for the district to consider for (1) addressing the intellectual, social and emotional needs of gifted and talented students in schools and (2) providing teacher training and professional development on gifted and talented students.

Legal Reference: Connecticut General Statutes

10-76a-(e) Definitions.

10-76d-(e) Duties and powers of Boards of Education to provide special education programs and services.

PA 17-82 An Act Concerning Services for Gifted and Talented Students

PA 19-184 An Act Concerning the Provision of Special Education

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