

Dell Rapids School District #49-3



Policies and Regulations Code: IGBB – Instruction

IGBB PROGRAMS FOR GIFTED STUDENTS

The American Philosophy of education promotes the right of all students to receive an appropriate education. This belief mandates the creation of special programs and/or individualization of existing programs for those students who display characteristics which significantly depart from the norm. This philosophy refutes the concept that any single approach can accommodate all students.

Historically the academically talented student was left to fend for herself/himself. Programs designed for the “norm” have frequently lacked sufficient challenge and/or opportunities for appropriate expression for students identified as gifted/talented. If the needs of this population is neglected, the potential contribution of these students to the school and community may be minimized, and possible negative effects may be manifested in the individual’s self-image and personal fulfillment.

The gifted/talented student differs markedly from her/his peers in abilities, talents, interests and/or psychological maturity. The needs of these students can be met through appropriate programming based on individual need.

The Board of Education of the Dell Rapids School District is committed to making every reasonable effort to meet the needs of students identified as gifted/talented. Such commitment is subject to regular evaluation and refinement. The programming for gifted/talented students requires constant planning, continued expansion, increased diversity and creative modes of evaluation. The development and operation of an appropriate gifted/talented programs contingent upon the availability of adequate resources.

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