

## **Instruction**

### **Identification of Gifted/Talented Students**

The New London Board of Education is dedicated to the identification of the gifted and talented child.

Gifted students are those with exceptional learning abilities or exceptional talent in the creative arts. This child possesses demonstrated or potential superior intellectual abilities, specific academic ability, or outstanding talent in the creative arts.

New London Public Schools 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.

To provide a comprehensive program for the gifted and talented child, within budgetary constraints, the Board recognizes that:

1. Though early identification of the gifted and talented is important, it is essential that the identification of these students be recognized as a continuing process in that special abilities and skills appear at different times in the lives of many children and new children are regularly being enrolled in the system.
2. Communication regarding the district's identification and eligibility criteria, as well as referral procedures and primary District contact, will be made available to all families and in multiple languages.
3. Communication with all families regarding contact information for 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.
4. On an ongoing basis the District will review students referred for identification as Gifted and Talented to ensure diversity that is representative of the school community.

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.

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