

GIFTED AND TALENTED EDUCATION

Philosophy

The Board recognizes the importance of identifying students of unusual ability in the following areas: general intelligence, academic aptitude, creative thinking and visual and performing arts.

Scarborough Public Schools will design programs to meet the needs of individual students and will fully utilize existing educational programs in order to provide the least restrictive educational environment while maintaining social relationships and social development.

Scarborough Public Schools will establish selection criteria and utilize identification methods, instruments, and procedures that will ensure that participants are of gifted intellect or are talented performers or both. Scarborough Public Schools will prescribe and implement individualized programs to challenge gifted and talented students and further develop their potential.

Goals

The Board's goals in providing educational programming for students identified as gifted and talented are:

- A. An opportunity to challenge intellectual abilities;
- B. An outlet to develop creative thinking;
- C. Experiences designed to nurture leadership ability;
- D. A means to expand academic achievements; and
- E. An opportunity to express artistic and performing arts talents.

Legal Reference: 20-A MRSA § 8101

Cross Reference: IHBB – Programs for Gifted Students Regulations

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