

Gifted and Talented Programs and Services

Developing the Talent of Gifted Students



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What does it mean to be Gifted and Talented?

Gifted and talented children and youth are students with outstanding abilities, identified at preschool, elementary, and secondary levels. The potential of gifted students requires differentiated and challenging educational programs or services beyond those provided in the general school program.

Students capable of high performance include those with demonstrated achievement or potential ability in one or more of these areas: general intellectual, specific academic subjects, creativity, leadership, and visual & performing arts. www.education.mn.gov/mde/fam/gifted/



How are students identified as Gifted and Talented?

If a district or charter school offers gifted programs and services, then it MUST adopt identification procedures that:

1. Assess & identify the students.
2. Enable their academic acceleration.
3. Prepare teachers to best meet the unique needs of gifted and talented students.

The procedures developed should be sensitive to underrepresented groups including low-income, minority, students with disabilities, and English learners.

Minn. Stat. § 120B.15



What types of programs and services are available?

Each district or charter school decides the types of programs and services they offer. The information can be found on their website. Programs can include a variety of services including:

- Early Kindergarten Admission
- Differentiated Classroom Instruction
- Enrichment Classes
- Course or Subject Acceleration
- Grade Level Acceleration
- Advanced Placement Classes
- International Baccalaureate



How do I know if my child should get services?

- Be aware of your child's skills including test scores and other areas showing advanced performance. Each child is different, and giftedness can show in different ways.
- Be aware of your district's process for identifying students and the services they offer.
- If you believe your child is not challenged enough or may need faster paced learning, communicate your concerns with the classroom teacher and/or school principal.



Where can I find more information?

MDE Website

www.education.mn.gov/mde/fam/gifted

MN Council for Gifted & Talented

www.mcgt.net

Nat. Center for Research on Gifted Education

www.ncrge.uconn.edu/el-tips/

Nat. Association for Gifted Children

www.nagc.org

Academic Acceleration Institute

www.accelerationinstitute.org

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