

## **PROGRAMS FOR GIFTED STUDENTS**

The Board of Education is committed to improving student learning opportunities for all students in the district and authorizes a program for meeting the educational needs of identified gifted students in an educational environment beyond that offered in the regular classroom. The Board of Education will make every effort to provide the level of monetary support necessary to sustain the gifted program.

The program will:

1. Provide a minimum of 150 minutes per week of contact time in which gifted program personnel work exclusively with identified gifted students.
2. Include a systematic process for the identification and selection of gifted students at all grade levels. The identification process will include alternative identification plans designed to identify gifted students who are traditionally underidentified and underserved, such as students with language differences, cultural differences, special educational needs and those from families living in poverty.
3. Utilize instructional personnel with the appropriate certification for the gifted program services they are providing.
4. Have class sizes and caseloads in accordance with Missouri Department of Elementary and Secondary Education (DESE) guidelines.
5. Include activities beyond the level usually provided in regular school programs that particularly contribute toward meeting the identified unmet needs of participating students.

The superintendent will designate a member of the district's professional staff to serve as the coordinator of gifted education. The coordinator is responsible for:

1. Oversight of the gifted education program.
2. Completing and submitting the application for a gifted education program through Core Data in a timely manner.
3. Reporting instructional positions and assignments of gifted program personnel through Core Data in a timely manner.
4. Completing an annual evaluation report before June 30 of each year that will be available in the central office.

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5. Maintaining in the central office a description of the program's goals, learner objectives and activities as well as the annual program evaluation report.

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***Note: The reader is encouraged to check the index located at the beginning of this section for other pertinent policies and to review administrative procedures and/or forms for related information.***

Adopted:

Revised:

MSIP Refs: 7.2, 7.7, 8.8, 8.10, 8.12

Legal Refs: ' ' 160.1990, .2000, 161.031, 162.720, RSMo.  
5 C.S.R. 20-100.110

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