

GIFTED AND TALENTED STUDENT PROGRAM

The Governing Board believes that all students deserve an education that challenges them to meet their full potential. The district shall provide gifted and talented students with opportunities for learning commensurate with their particular abilities and talents.

The Superintendent or designee shall identify students for the district's gifted and talented education (GATE) program on the basis of demonstrated or potential intellectual development, creative ability, consistently high achievement levels, academic ability in particular subject area(s), leadership ability, and/or performing and visual arts talent.

The district's GATE program shall be designed to provide articulated learning experiences across subjects and grade levels and shall meet or exceed state academic content standards and curriculum frameworks.

Educational opportunities in the district's GATE program may include cluster groupings, in which students are grouped within a regular classroom setting and receive appropriately differentiated activities from the regular classroom teacher.

In addition, the district's program shall support the social and emotional development of GATE students in order to promote student engagement in school.

Staff development shall be provided as needed to support teachers in understanding the unique learning styles and abilities of gifted and talented students and in developing appropriate instructional strategies.

As appropriate, the Superintendent or designee may involve certificated staff, students, parents/guardians, and community members in the planning, implementation, and evaluation of the GATE program.

The Superintendent or designee shall regularly report to the Board regarding the progress of students enrolled in the district's GATE program. Reports may include, but are not limited to, student achievement test results, school attendance, and feedback from program staff and participants.

Legal Reference: (see next page)

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Legal Reference:

EDUCATION CODE

37223 *Weekend classes for mentally gifted minors*
48800-48802 *Enrollment of gifted students in community college*
51740 *Instruction by correspondence*
51745-51749.3 *Independent study programs*
52060-52077 *Local control and accountability plan*
76000-76002 *Enrollment in community college*
CODE OF REGULATIONS, TITLE 5
1633 *Instruction by correspondence*

Management Resources:

WEB SITES

CSBA: <http://www.csba.org>
California Association for the Gifted: <http://www.cagifted.org>
Council for Exceptional Children, The Association for the Gifted (CEC-TAG): <http://www.cectag.org>
National Association for Gifted Children: <http://www.nagc.org>