

Talented and Gifted Program
Code No. 604.3

The board recognizes some students require qualitative differentiated programming beyond the regular education program. The board shall identify students with special abilities and provide educational programming.

It shall be the responsibility of the superintendent to develop a talented and gifted program.

It shall also be the responsibility of the superintendent to develop administrative regulations for identifying students, for programs evaluation, and for training of school district personnel.

The following elements will be considered in developing our Talented and Gifted program:

- 1) Providing a learning environment that will permit and encourage capable students to develop their individual potential while interacting with intellectual peers;
- 2) Establishing a climate that values and enhances intellectual ability, talent, creativity, and decision-making;
- 3) Encouraging capable students in developing and using abilities for self-appraisal, recognition of personal talents/interests, and setting short and long-term goals;
- 4) Assisting capable students in acquiring a sense of social responsibility in developing and using their special abilities;
- 5) Enhancing the development of leadership skills, social awareness, and personal responsibility;
- 6) Providing opportunities for and developing skills in independent study, self-directed learning and research;
- 7) Providing linkages between meaningful tasks/class assignments and independent study/research;
- 8) Providing instruction in problem solving and critical thinking skills;
- 9) Encouraging the development of and providing opportunities for using higher level thinking skills;
- 10) Encouraging creative thinking and expression in a variety of communication skills; and
- 11) Providing for aesthetic awareness and the ability for self-expression through artistic means.
- 12) The post-secondary enrollment option authorized in Iowa Code 261C and the Department of Education rules.

Legal Reference: Iowa Code §§ 257.42-.49., 281 I.A.C. 12.5(12); 59.

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