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The Board of Education recognizes its responsibility to identify gifted and talented pupils within the school district and to provide these pupils appropriate instructional adaptations and services. To that end, the Board directs that each such pupil in the school district be identified and offered an appropriate educational program and services.

For purposes of this policy, gifted and talented pupils will be defined as those exceptionally able pupils who possess or demonstrate high levels of abilities, in one or more content areas, when compared to their chronological peers in the district and who require modification of their program if they are to achieve in accordance with their capabilities.

The Board will develop appropriate curricular and instructional modifications to be used for gifted and talented pupils indicating content, process, products and learning environments. When the district is unable to provide curricular and instructional modifications, the Board may approve courses provided by another school district or educational institution. These courses, whether in person or online, must adhere to the education guidelines provided in the New Jersey Core Curriculum Standards.

The Superintendent will develop procedures, using multiple measures, for an ongoing identification process and appropriate educational challenges for gifted and talented pupils initiated in kindergarten and reviewed annually through Grade 8. The identification methodology will be developmentally appropriate, non-discriminatory and related to the programs and services offered by the district. These procedures will be reviewed annually.

The educational programs offered to pupils will encourage and challenge them in the specific areas of their abilities, but may not replace the basic instructional program of the various grades of this district. The program offered to a gifted and talented pupil may be infused into the pupil's regular instructional program, provided that a written description of the infusion has been prepared and filed in the pupil's record.

Programs for the gifted and talented will be periodically evaluated for their continuing efficacy and adjusted accordingly.

The parent(s) or legal guardian(s) of any pupil identified as gifted or talented shall be consulted regarding any program designed to address the pupil's particular needs.



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N.J.S.A. 18A:61A-2; 18A:35-4.16

N.J.A.C. 6:37-1.1; 6A:8-1.3; N.J.A.C. 6A:8-3.1(a)5. P.L. 108-382, Sec. 10201 et seq.

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