

**INSTRUCTION**

Gifted Program

The term "gifted and talented" refers to children of outstanding abilities who are capable of high performance and require differentiated educational programs beyond those typically offered in public schools in order to fully achieve their potential contribution to self and society. The children so identified include those with demonstrated achievement or potential ability.

The Missoula County Public School District shall serve all students K-12 identified as gifted and talented. The Board authorizes the Superintendent to provide school-based, district-wide gifted services which:

- Sustain procedures for identifying students of demonstrated achievement or potential in terms of general intellectual ability and academic aptitude.
- Provide appropriate academic, social and emotional services, and interventions for gifted students as dictated by current best practices in the field of Gifted Education.
- Develop and implement guidelines ensuring student needs are met as they transition from one grade level to another and one building to another.
- Include training and materials related to identification and best practices in the field of Gifted Education for district staff and families of identified gifted students.
- Identify, utilize and involve parent and community resources to expand opportunities for gifted students.
- Monitor and evaluate stated goals and objectives regularly.

Legal References:     § 20-7-901 through 904, MCA     Gifted and talented children  
                          10.55.804, ARM                     Gifted and talented

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