

Santa Barbara Unified School District

Board Policy

BP 6172

Instruction

GIFTED AND TALENTED STUDENT PROGRAM

The Governing Board believes that all students deserve an education that challenges them to meet their fullest potential. The Board shall provide gifted and talented students opportunities for learning commensurate with their particular abilities and talents. The Board believes the population of gifted and talented students should reflect the overall demographics of the district.

Programs for gifted and talented students may include special day classes, part-time and cluster groupings which shall be planned and organized as an integrated, differentiated learning experience within the regular school day. These programs may be augmented or supplemented with other differentiated activities related to the core curriculum using such strategies as independent study, acceleration, postsecondary education, and enrichment. (Education Code 52206)

(cf. 5123 - Promotion/Acceleration/Retention)

(cf. 6141.5 - Advanced Placement)

(cf. 6146.11 - Alternative Credits Toward Graduation)

(cf. 6158 - Independent Study)

(cf. 6177 - Summer School)

The Board shall determine the most appropriate curricular components for participating students. Each participating student's program shall include an academic component and, as appropriate, instruction in basic skills. (Education Code 52206)

The Superintendent or designee shall ensure the full participation of eligible students regardless of their ethnic, cultural, linguistic, or economic background.

(cf. 0410 - Nondiscrimination in District Programs and Activities)

(cf. 5145.3 - Nondiscrimination/Harassment)

(cf. 6174 - Education for English Language Learners)

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

(cf. 4131 - Staff Development)

The Board shall regularly evaluate the effectiveness of the district's program in meeting the needs of gifted and talented students.

(cf. 0500 - Accountability)

(cf. 6190 - Evaluation of the Instructional Program)

The Superintendent or designee shall designate a district coordinator to be responsible for all aspects of the program. In addition, the Superintendent or designee shall appoint an advisory committee to support

the needs of the program and to assist in program planning, implementation, and evaluation. The committee shall include the program coordinator, parents/guardians, staff, community members, and students as appropriate.

(cf. 1220 - Citizen Advisory Committees)
(cf. 6020 - Parent Involvement)

Legal Reference:

EDUCATION CODE

48800-48802 Enrollment of gifted students in community college
51740 Instruction by correspondence
51745-51749.3 Independent study programs
52200-52212 Gifted and Talented Pupil Program
76001 Enrollment in community college
76002 Community college courses

CODE OF REGULATIONS, TITLE 5

1633 Instruction by correspondence
3820-3870 Gifted and Talented Pupil Program

Management Resources:

CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION PUBLICATIONS

Recommended Standards for Programs for Gifted and Talented Students, adopted October 2001, rev. September 2005

WEB SITES

California Association for the Gifted: <http://www.cagifted.org>
California Department of Education: <http://www.cde.ca.gov>
National Association for Gifted Children: <http://www.nagc.org>

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