

## INSTRUCTION

### **Program for the Gifted**

To the extent possible within the resources available, all gifted students shall have an opportunity to participate in appropriate educational programs.

The term "gifted " as approved by the Board of Education on November 10, 2014 is defined as follows: Gifted students in SD308 demonstrate exceptional ability or high potential in intellectual or artistic areas and require services or learning experiences not provided in general education programming in order to fully realize their potential. These students can be found across all socioeconomic, cultural, and ethnic backgrounds and also amongst special education students and English language learners.

The Board authorizes the Superintendent to provide a gifted program which includes:

1. An identification system which identifies gifted students early in their schooling experience;
2. An identification system based upon multiple techniques which ensure all students equal access to gifted programs, regardless of social, economic, linguistic and ethnic background;
3. Educational programs which include access at all grade levels and which encompass all of the fundamental areas of learning;
4. Educational programs which provide for continuity across grade levels with programs consistent with the District's long-range goals;
5. Qualified instructional and administrative personnel with appropriate knowledge, training and experience to implement the program;
6. Staff development programs being made available which address the need for all teachers to be knowledgeable about the characteristics and learning needs of gifted students;
7. Procedures to foster cooperative relationships among classroom teachers, parents, and the teachers assigned to the gifted program;
8. Procedures to foster parental involvement in all aspects of the program;
9. Procedures to continually evaluate the placement and progress of students in the gifted program with periodic progress reports issued to parents.

An annual report on the status of the District's gifted program shall be submitted to the School Board by the Assistant Superintendent for Educational Services.

LEGAL REF: 105 ILCS 5/14A-1 *et seq.*  
23 Ill.Admin Code Part 227

CROSS REF: 6:135 Accelerated Placement Program

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