

**Identification – Talented and Gifted Students\*\***

The ~~D~~istrict is committed to educational programs that recognize and service the unique needs of talented and/or intellectually gifted students. In order to serve academically talented and intellectually gifted students in grades K-12, the ~~School~~ Board directs the superintendent (after due consideration of the input of staff, parents and the community) to establish a written identification process. This process shall include as a minimum:

1. Behavioral, learning and/or performance information;
2. A nationally standardized, validated ~~mental~~intellectual ability test for assistance in identifying intellectually gifted students;
3. A nationally standardized academic achievement test for assistance in identifying academically talented students or ~~Oregon Assessment of Knowledge and Skills (OAKS)~~statewide assessments.

Identified students shall score at or above the 97th percentile on ~~one of these~~ a nationally standardized tests. The ~~D~~istrict shall identify other students who demonstrate the potential to perform at the eligibility criteria, ~~as well as additional students who are talented and gifted.~~

A team shall make the final decisions on the identification of students using the information collected. No single test, measure or score shall be the sole criterion. A record of the team’s decision, and the data used by the team to make the decision, shall become part of the education record for each student considered.

The ~~D~~istrict shall strive to identify all talented and/or intellectually gifted students ~~as early as possible.~~

The process also will provide for parent notification of and permission for testing, notification of decisions ~~(with relevant interpretive information)~~ to parents and classroom teachers, and an appeals procedure.

**END OF POLICY**

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**Legal Reference(s):**

[ORS 343.395](#)  
[ORS 343.407](#)  
[ORS 343.411](#)

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[OAR 581-002-0040](#)  
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