

# Executive Summary

## Prepared for Board of Trustees Meeting

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### Overview of the Gifted/Talented Services of Denton ISD

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#### **Board Goals:**

- I. a. develop and maintain a culture where learning remains our first priority
- I. f. prepare our students to be successful in a global society while instilling an appreciation for community service
- II. a. cultivate a consistent, strong, district-wide balanced curriculum based on ongoing needs assessments that supports all students
- II. b. establish high expectations with a curriculum that fosters inquiry and critical thinking
- II. d. establish quality staff development programs and promote professional learning communities
- II. f. stay abreast of and incorporate best practices into teaching, learning, technology, and leadership
- III. a. celebrate and respect the diversity in our Denton ISD Community
- III. c. establish a high expectation level for success for all students, staff, parents, and community
- III. d. instill in students a love of life-long learning
- III. e. motivate and prepare students to embrace their full responsibilities as active citizens of their community, nation, and world

#### **Purpose of Report**

The Denton Independent School District is dedicated to developing the unique personal, social, and intellectual abilities of its gifted and talented students. A commitment has been made to provide appropriate and stimulating materials, activities, and instruction for these students of varying abilities, interests, needs, and environmental backgrounds so they may experience success in the development of their potential. This report will give an overview of the gifted program.

#### **Objectives**

- This report will provide an overview of the gifted services offered at Denton ISD.
- This report will supply the ethnicity breakdown for gifted students in the district, the region, and the state.

#### **Operational Impact**

N/A

#### **Results**

District GT data will provide the necessary information for departmental and campus goal setting. Additionally, the data will guide future staff development and study regarding placement processes, assessments, and curricula. Moreover, the board will be apprised of the current student makeup and status of the GT program in Denton ISD.