

*Existing policy with suggested revision based on P.A. 17-82.*

## **Instruction**

### **~~Gifted Children Program~~**

### **Gifted and Talented Students Program**

Gifted students are those with outstanding learning abilities or outstanding talent in the creative arts.

The school district shall provide educational programs for the gifted and talented including a broad spectrum of learning experiences to:

1. broaden and deepen knowledge and to develop skills necessary for the student to function successfully in society;
2. encourage students to excel in areas of special competence and interest.

Though early identification of the gifted and talented is important, it is essential that the identification of these students be recognized as an initial step in a continuing educational process. Also, special abilities and skills appear at different times in children's lives.

~~The~~ Accordingly, the school district recognizes the importance of providing programs for gifted and talented students. The school district ~~shall/may utilize~~ will review the guidelines, developed and promulgated by the State Department of Education (SDE), for providing services to those students. The guidelines include best practices for the district to consider for (1) addressing the intellectual, social and emotional needs of gifted and talented students in schools and (2) providing teacher training and professional development on gifted and talented students.

Legal Reference: Connecticut General Statutes

10-76a-(e) Definitions.

10-76d(e) Duties and powers of Boards of Education to provide special education programs and services.

P.A. 17-82 An Act Concerning Services for Gifted and Talented Students

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