

OAK PARK UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT BOARD POLICY

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BP 6172(a)

Gifted and Talented Student Program

The Governing Board believes that all students deserve an education that challenges them to reach his/her full potential. The Board shall provide gifted and talented students with opportunities for learning commensurate with their particular abilities and talents.

(cf. 0200 – Goals for the School District)
(cf. 0460 – Local Control and Accountability Plan)
(cf. 6000 – Concepts and Roles)

The Superintendent or designee shall identify students for the district's gifted and talented education (GATE) program on the basis of demonstrated or potential intellectual development, creative ability, consistently high achievement levels, and academic ability in particular subject area(s).

The Superintendent or designee shall provide all eligible students, including economically disadvantaged students, English learners, and students of varying cultural backgrounds, with full opportunities to participate in the GATE program and shall provide special counseling or services as necessary to help such students to succeed in the program.

(cf. 0410 - Nondiscrimination in District Programs and Activities)
(cf. 6164.2 – Guidance/Counseling Services)
(cf. 6174 – Education for English Language Learners)

The district's GATE program shall be designed to provide articulated learning experiences across subjects and grade levels and shall meet or exceed state academic content standards and curriculum frameworks.

(cf. 6011 – Academic Standards)
(cf. 6142.6 – Visual and Performing Arts Education)
(cf. 6142.7 – Physical Education and Activity)
(cf. 6142.8 – Comprehensive Health Education)
(cf. 6142.91 – Reading/Language Arts Instruction)
(cf. 6142.92 – Mathematics Instruction)
(cf. 6142.93 – Science Instruction)
(cf. 6142.94 – History-Social Science Instruction)
(cf. 6178 – Career Technical Education)

Students who enter the district already designated GATE by their previous district shall be automatically identified GATE in Oak Park Unified School District.

Educational opportunities in the district's GATE program may include:

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1. Part-time groupings, in which students attend classes or seminars that are organized to provide advanced or enriched subject matter for a part of the school day
2. Cluster groupings, in which students are grouped within a regular classroom setting and receive appropriately differentiated activities from the regular classroom teacher.
3. Independent study supervised by a certificated district employee and offered through special tutors or mentors or through enrollment in correspondence courses pursuant to Education Code 51740 and 5 CCR 1633.

(cf. 6158 – Independent Study)

4. Acceleration, in which students are placed in grade levels or classes more advanced than those of their chronological age group and are provided special counseling and/or instruction outside the regular classroom in order to facilitate their advanced work

(cf. 5123 – Promotion/Acceleration/Retention)

5. Opportunities to attend classes conducted by a college or community college

(cf. 6172.1 – Concurrently Enrollment in College Classes)

6. Advanced Placement classes or honors classes

(cf. 6141.5 – Advanced Placement)

7. Supplemental educational activities which augment students' regular educational programs in their regular classrooms and may include the use of advanced materials and/or provide special opportunities from persons other than the regular classroom teacher

In addition, the district's program shall support the social and emotional development of GATE students in order to promote student engagement in school.

(cf. 5113.1 – Chronic Absence and Truancy)

(cf. 5147 – Dropout Prevention)

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

(cf. 4112.2 – Certification)

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(cf. 4131 - Staff Development)

As appropriate, the Superintendent or designee may involve certificated staff, students, parents/guardians, and community members in the planning, implementation, and evaluation of the GATE program.

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

The Superintendent or designee shall regularly monitor the progress of the district's GATE program and report to the Board. Reports may include, but are not limited to, student achievement test results, school attendance, and feedback from staff and participants.

(cf. 0500 - Accountability)
(cf. 5121) – Grades/Evaluation of Student Achievement)
(cf. 6162.5 – Student Assessment)
(cf. 6162.51 – State Academic Achievement Tests)
(cf. 6162.52 – High School Exit Examination)
(cf. 6190 - Evaluation of the Instructional Program)

Legal Reference:

EDUCATION CODE
37223 Weekend classes for mentally gifted minors
48800-48802 Enrollment of gifted students in community college
51740 Instruction by correspondence
51745-51749.3 Independent study programs
52060-52077 Local control and accountability plan
76000-76002 Enrollment in community college
CODE OF REGULATIONS, TITLE 5
1633 Instruction by correspondence

Management Resources:

WEB SITES
CSBA: <http://www.csba.org>
California Association for the Gifted: <http://www.cagifted.org>
Council for Exceptional Children, The Association for the Gifted (CEC-TAG): <http://www.cectag.org>
National Association for Gifted Children: <http://www.nage.org>

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