

BLOOMFIELD PUBLIC SCHOOLS
Bloomfield, Connecticut

BOARD POLICY

No. 6172.1(a)

**RE: Talented and Gifted Students Program
Instruction**

Approved: 11/8/2022

The Bloomfield Public Schools are committed to recognizing and promoting the individual strengths, gifts, and talents of all children.

The Bloomfield Public Schools, in conjunction with state of Connecticut regulations and requirements, will identify students demonstrating extraordinary ability academically, creatively and artistically.

The identification process is based on a multi-criteria assessment process, typically including both subjective and objective data. The process must include multiple measures in order to identify student strengths in intellectual ability, creativity or a specific academic area. Multiple measures may include, but are not limited to, tests of academic achievement, aptitude, intelligence, and creativity; achievement test scores; grades; student performance or products; samples of student work; parent, student, and/or teacher recommendation; and other appropriate measures. The identification methodology will include consideration of all students, including those who are English language learners and those with Individualized Education Plans or 504 Plans, be developmentally appropriate, non-discriminatory, and related to the programs and services offered by the district.

The final determination in the identification of students as talented and/or gifted must be done by a Planning and Placement Team (PPT). Such PPT charged with this responsibility shall be composed of a group of certified or licensed professionals representing each of the teaching, administrative and pupil personnel staffs.

It is recognized that identified students may be accommodated in a variety of ways, such as, but not limited to, the provision for supplementary materials, extensions to the curriculum and accelerated placement options.

Upon the identification of a student as Talented and Gifted, the district shall provide electronic notice of such identification to the parent/guardian of such student. Such notice shall include, but need not be limited to:

1. An explanation of how such student was identified as Talented and Gifted;
2. The contact information for the district's employee in charge of the provision of services to Talented and Gifted students, or, if there is no such employee, the district's employee in charge of the provision of special education and related services;

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3. The employee at the State Department of Education who has been designated as responsible for providing information and assistance to Boards of Education and parents or guardians of students related to Talented and Gifted students, pursuant to Section 10-3e of the general statutes; and
4. Any associations in the state that provide support to Talented and Gifted students.

LEGAL REFERENCE: CONNECTICUT GENERAL STATUTES

Section 10-76a-(e) definitions.

Section 10-76d-(e) duties and powers of Boards of Education to provide Special Education programs and services.

Regulations of Connecticut State Agencies Sections 10-76a-1–10-76l-1.

P.A. 19-184 An Act Concerning the Provision of Special Education.

Talented and Gifted Education: Guidance regarding identification and service. SDE guidance, March 2019.

P.A. 21-199 An Act Concerning Various Revisions and Additions to the Statutes relating to Education and Workforce Development, Section 2.