

# FERNDALE AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT

SECTION: PROGRAMS

TITLE: GIFTED EDUCATION

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<b>114. GIFTED EDUCATION</b>	
<p><b>1. Authority</b> Title 22 Sec. 16.1 et seq SC 1371, 1372 Title 22 Sec. 4.28</p> <p>Title 22 Sec. 16.2</p>	<p><b>In accordance with the Board's philosophy to develop the special abilities of each student, the district shall provide gifted education programs designed to meet the individual educational needs of each student.</b></p> <p><b>In order to provide quality gifted education services and programs, the Board may enter into a cooperative agreement with Appalachia Intermediate Unit No. 8.</b></p>
<p><b>2. Definitions</b> Title 22 Sec. 16.21</p> <p>Title 22 Sec. 16.1</p> <p>Title 22 Sec. 16.22</p>	<p><b>Gifted student - shall mean a student of school age with an IQ of 130 or higher who meets established multiple criteria indicating gifted ability or a school-aged student with an IQ lower than 130 when other educational criteria strongly indicate gifted ability. For purposes of this definition, any determination of mentally gifted status shall include an assessment by a certified school psychologist.</b></p> <p><b>GIEP - shall mean a Gifted Individualized Education Program.</b></p> <p><b>GMDT - shall mean a Gifted Multidisciplinary Team. The GMDT shall be formed on the basis of the student's needs and shall be comprised of the student's parents/ guardians; a certified school psychologist; persons familiar with the student's educational experience and performance; one or more of the student's current teachers; persons trained in the appropriate evaluation techniques; and, when possible, persons familiar with the student's cultural background. A single member of the GMDT may meet two (2) or more of the specified qualifications.</b></p>
<p><b>3. Guidelines</b></p> <p>Title 22 Sec. 16.2</p>	<p><b>The district's gifted education program shall provide the following:</b></p> <p><b>1. Services and programs planned, developed and operated for identification and evaluation of each gifted student.</b></p>

<p>Title 22 Sec. 4.28</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>2. Gifted education for each identified student, based on the unique needs of the student, not solely on the classification.</li> <li>3. Gifted education that enables identified students to participate in acceleration and enrichment programs, and to receive services appropriate to their intellectual and academic abilities and needs.</li> </ol>
<p>Title 22 Sec. 16.22</p>	<p><b><u>Referral Procedures</u></b></p> <p>The Superintendent or designee shall develop and implement procedures and the necessary forms to permit teachers to refer a student or allow a parent/guardian to request in writing that a school-aged student undergo a gifted multidisciplinary evaluation to determine if the student is gifted.</p>
<p>Title 22 Sec. 16.22</p>	<p><b><u>Evaluation Process</u></b></p> <p>The Superintendent or designee shall develop and implement procedures to create a GMDT to determine if a school-aged student is eligible to receive gifted services.</p>
<p>Title 22 Sec. 16.31, 16.32</p>	<p><b><u>Development Of GIEP</u></b></p> <p>The Superintendent or designee shall develop and implement procedures to ensure the development of a GIEP for each gifted student and subsequent modification of services, in the manner prescribed by law.</p>
<p>Title 22 Sec. 16.41</p>	<p><b><u>Caseloads/Class Size</u></b></p> <p>The Superintendent or designee shall develop and implement procedures, in conjunction with the building principals and other appropriate school personnel, to annually assess the delivery of gifted education within the district in order to:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Ensure the ability of assigned staff to provide the services required in each identified student's GIEP.</li> <li>2. Address the educational placements for gifted students within the district.</li> <li>3. Limit the total number of gifted students that can be on an individual gifted teacher's caseload to a maximum of seventy-five (75) students.</li> <li>4. Limit the total number of gifted students that can be on an individual gifted teacher's class roster to a maximum of twenty (20) students.</li> </ol>

<p><b>Title 22 Sec. 16.41</b></p>	<p><b>Notwithstanding the above, the district shall have the right to make a written request to the Secretary of Education to waive the applicable caseload and class size maximums in extenuating circumstances.</b></p>
<p><b>Title 22 Sec. 16.61, 16.62</b></p>	<p><b><u>Notice/Consent For Evaluation</u></b></p> <p><b>Prior to the district conducting an initial gifted multidisciplinary evaluation or re-evaluation of any school-aged student, the district shall provide the parents/guardians of that student with written notice proposing such an evaluation and obtain written parental consent to do so.</b></p>
<p><b>Title 22 Sec. 16.21</b></p>	<p><b><u>Awareness Activities</u></b></p> <p><b>The Superintendent or designee shall annually conduct awareness activities to inform parents/guardians of school-aged children residing within the district of its gifted education program. Those awareness activities may include providing written notice of the district's gifted education program through newspapers and district publications; distributing such written notice to private schools serving school-aged residents; hosting meetings and/or distributing literature designed to inform parents/ guardians of newly-enrolled students of the district's gifted services.</b></p>
<p><b>Title 22 Sec. 16.65 20 U.S.C. Sec. 1232g 34 CFR 99</b></p>	<p><b><u>Confidentiality Of Student Records</u></b></p> <p><b>All personally identifiable information regarding a gifted student shall be treated as confidential and disclosed only as permitted by the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA) and its implementing regulations, and the State Board of Education Regulations.</b></p>
<p><b>PA Code Title 22 Sec. 4.28, 12.33, 16.1 et seq</b></p> <p><b>20 U.S.C. Sec. 1232g 34 CFR 99</b></p>	<p><b><u>Non-Discrimination</u></b></p> <p><b>Classroom teachers shall not discriminate, or alter the students' grades due to students being taken from the classroom to engage in enrichment/acceleration programming, and further, shall make available without penalty, the opportunity to complete missed assignments.</b></p>