

Understanding Gifted Education

Georgia State Board Rule 160-4-2-.38 defines a gifted student as one who demonstrates a high degree of intellectual and/or creative ability(ies), exhibits an exceptionally high degree of motivation, and/or excels in specific academic fields, and who needs special instruction and/or special ancillary services to achieve at levels commensurate with his or her abilities. Students who are eligible for gifted education must qualify in three of the following four categories: mental ability, achievement, creativity, and motivation. Under Georgia law 120-2-152, students identified as gifted must be served.

SBOE Rule 160-4-2-.38 EDUCATION PROGRAM FOR GIFTED STUDENTS requires local boards of education to develop curricula for their gifted students' needs. In general, gifted learners differ from more typical learners: in their ability(ies) to learn at a faster rate; their capability to find, solve, and act on problems; and their ability to manipulate complex and abstract ideas. Because gifted students do not exhibit identical behaviors and characteristics, they have different needs. It is the uniqueness of gifted learners that must serve as the basis for establishing gifted program curriculum goals.

The following principles of differentiation should be used to develop curriculum for gifted learners:

- Present content that is related to broad-based issues, themes, or problems.
- Increase the rigor and pace of the curriculum, instructional strategies, and assessments.
- Integrate multiple disciplines into the area of study.
- Allow for the in-depth learning of a self-selected topic within an area of study.
- Develop productive, complex, abstract, and higher-level thinking strategies and skills.
- Develop research and communication skills.

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Individual Consultation	Group Presentations
Webinars and Technical Assistance	Gifted Task Force
Fall Gifted Regional Informational Meetings	New Gifted Coordinators' Cohort (extra support through conference calls and meetings)
Georgia Association for Gifted Children (www.gagc.org) GAGC Convention March 1-3, 2020	Georgia Gifted Coordinators' Consortium Workshop January 22-23, 2020
National Association for Gifted Children (www.nagc.org)	Georgia Department of Education: Gifted Education: https://www.gadoe.org/Curriculum-Instruction-and-Assessment/Curriculum-and-Instruction/Pages/Gifted-Education.aspx

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