

TALENTED AND GIFTED PROGRAMMING FOUND IN CODE OF IOWA

12.5(12)

Provisions for gifted and talented students.

Each school district shall incorporate gifted and talented programming into its comprehensive school improvement plan as required by Iowa Code section 257.43. The comprehensive school improvement plan shall include the following gifted and talented program provisions: valid and systematic procedures, including multiple selection criteria for identifying gifted and talented students from the total student population; goals and performance measures; a qualitatively differentiated program to meet the students' cognitive and affective needs; staffing provisions; an in-service design; a budget; and qualifications of personnel administering the program. Each school district shall review and evaluate its gifted and talented programming. This subrule does not apply to accredited nonpublic schools.

The following state laws and administrative rules determine how gifted and talented education is provided and funded:

- **Iowa Code section 256.11** details the required educational standards that included gifted and talented programs.
- **Iowa Code section 257.42** states as part of their school improvement plan, school boards must annually submit program plans for gifted and talented children programs and budget costs to the Department.
- **Iowa Code section 257.44** defines gifted and talented children.
- **Iowa Code section 257.46** and **Iowa Code section 257.8** describes gifted and talented funding.
- **Iowa Administrative Code 12.5(12)** describes the provisions gifted and talented students requirements in the state's General Accreditation Standards for schools.

Gifted and Talented Program Funding

1. The budget of an approved gifted and talented children program for a school district, after subtracting funds received from other sources for that purpose, shall be funded annually on a basis of one-fourth or more from the district cost of the school district.
2. The remaining portion of the budget shall be funded by the thirty-eight dollar increase in allowable growth for the school budget year beginning July 1, 1999, multiplied by a district's budget enrollment. The thirty-eight dollar increase for the school budget year beginning July 1, 1999, shall increase in subsequent years by each year's state percent of growth. School districts shall annually report the amount expended for a gifted and talented program to the department of education. The proportion of a school district's budget which corresponds to the thirty-eight dollar increase in allowable growth for the school budget year beginning July 1, 1999, added to the amount in subsection 1, shall be utilized exclusively for a school district's gifted and talented program.
3. If any portion of the gifted and talented program budget remains unexpended at the end of the budget year, the remainder shall be carried over to the subsequent budget year and added to the gifted and talented program budget for that year.