



SCHOOL BOARD OF BREVARD COUNTY, FLORIDA
School Board Policy Executive Summary
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Policy Number:	2216
Title of Policy:	Gifted Education
Cabinet Member:	Jane Cline, Assistant Superintendent, Elementary Leading and Learning
Purpose of Revisions:	The purpose of the proposed revisions to the policy is to ensure compliance with all applicable federal and state laws, Florida State Board of Education Rules, Board policies, administrative rules, procedures, and guidelines. In addition, the proposed revisions promote transparency and accountability.
Tentative Schedule:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cabinet – 1/27/20 • Rule Development Workshop – 2/11/20 • School Board Meeting Information – 2/11/20 • School Board Meeting Approval – 2/25/20 • Effective Date – upon approval
Summary of Proposed Policy Revisions:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • This is proposed new policy. • This proposed new policy is being adopted to provide clear expectations and consistency of services for our gifted students and their families. • NEOLA does not have a model policy template for this policy.
Specific Authority:	6A-6.03019, F.A.C.
Next Steps:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Revisions to internal procedures • Training for BPS employees regarding revisions to policy and revised procedures

**Current
Version**

**This is a
Proposed
New
Policy
for BPS**

Neola Template

**There is NO
NEOLA
Template for
this Policy.**

**Proposed
New
Policy**

2216 - GIFTED EDUCATION

Mission Statement

The mission of the School Board of Brevard County, Florida's Gifted and Talented Program is to provide meaningful and enduring experiences that nurture and support the strengths and needs of all gifted learners.

Vision Statement

Nurturing gifted student potential, one learner at a time, through promoting skills, talents, passions, and future career pathways

A. Elementary Gifted Education

1. District Goals

- a. To provide a menu of gifted services which meet the unique needs of each individual student.
- b. To foster a district-wide climate which recognizes and appreciates giftedness in all racial ethnic groups and socioeconomic strata.
- c. To provide gifted curriculum aligned with the State standards that is standardized and qualitatively differentiated by content, process, product, and learning environment.
- d. To facilitate opportunities for students to become self-directed, independent learners who achieve at high levels commensurate with their ability and potential.
- e. To provide on-going staff development for both general education teachers and gifted teachers on effective strategies for meeting the needs of gifted learners.
- f. To seek input from and work collaboratively with parent/legal guardians of gifted learners in order to provide a quality learning environment for students.

2. Gifted Program Standards

- a. Curriculum and Instruction
 - i. Differentiated curriculum that facilitates the mastery of core academic skills at a pace and level appropriate to gifted learners.
 - ii. Differentiated curriculum that supplements or modifies existing curriculum.
 - iii. Instructional program that is flexible, and consists of advanced content and appropriately different teaching and learning strategies.

3. Differentiated curriculum that is consistent district-wide

- a. Program Models
 - i. Gifted services will be available to all gifted students.
 - ii. Gifted programming will be planned as a result of consultation with experts.
 - iii. Gifted programming models will be consistent and an integral part of a child's program.

- b. Guidance and Counseling
 - i. Gifted learners will be provided career guidance consistent with their unique needs.
 - ii. Curriculum for gifted students will have an affective dimension.
 - iii. The needs of underachieving gifted learners will be addressed.
 - iv. The unique social and emotional needs of gifted students will be addressed.

1. Student Identification

- a. Schools have an obligation to identify their gifted students. The process used to identify students in need of gifted services must be ongoing, reliant on a variety of assessment measures, free of bias and non-exclusionary. Once identified, students must be provided appropriate services.
- b. Strategies must be employed to identify students from groups traditionally underrepresented in gifted populations.

2. Eligibility

- a. A student is eligible for the gifted program if “the student demonstrates:
 - i. Superior intellectual development measured by an intelligence quotient of two (2) standard deviations or more above the mean on an individually administered standardized test of intelligence;
 - ii. Need for a special program; and
 - iii. A majority of the characteristics of gifted students according to a standard scale or checklist.”
- b. Districts are also mandated by the State to develop alternative criteria to increase the representation of underrepresented groups in gifted programs, see 6A-6.03019(2), F.A.C.

3. Transfer Students

- a. Students entering the School Board of Brevard County, Florida school system from outside the state of Florida who do not produce complete documentation or gifted eligibility, that meets the same criteria used in Brevard County Public Schools, will be placed in general education classes pending receipt of full documentation and/or testing within six (6) months. Every effort should be made to obtain missing documentation as soon as possible.
- b. Transfer students from within the state who have full documentation of gifted eligibility will be immediately eligible for gifted services.
- c. Students who have no tangible proof of eligibility will be placed in general education classes until all documentation is received. Telephone verification of gifted eligibility shall be followed by written documentation (electronic, fax or other hard copy). Written documentation must precede placement in the gifted program.

4. Program Models

- a. Schools will develop and implement a comprehensive plan to meet the needs of their gifted students. As part of this plan, schools will adopt a district-approved model or models that meet the needs of their gifted students. Every school will have at least one teacher who is gifted-endorsed.
- b. Services will be provided in the core content areas, depending upon a student's need. Gifted services, however, are not limited to curriculum and learning environment. Other services must be provided based on the individual needs of the students.
- c. Students in primary grades who may need to spend more time in the general education classroom may be grouped in that classroom with a gifted endorsed teacher or they may be offered a resource content-based thematic program. Students who have more intense needs for gifted services will be addressed on an individual basis.

B. Middle School Gifted Education

1. District Goals

- a. To provide a menu of gifted services which meet the unique needs of each individual student.
- b. To foster a district-wide climate which recognizes and appreciates giftedness in all racial ethnic groups and socioeconomic strata.
- c. To provide gifted curriculum aligned with the State standards that is standardized and qualitatively differentiated by content, process, product, and learning environment.
- d. To facilitate opportunities for students to become self-directed, independent learners who achieve at high levels commensurate with their ability and potential.
- e. To provide on-going staff development for both general education teachers and gifted teachers on effective strategies for meeting the needs of gifted learners.
- f. To seek input from and work collaboratively with parent/legal guardians of gifted learners in order to provide a quality learning environment for students.

2. Gifted Program Standards

- a. Curriculum and Instruction
 - i. Differentiated curriculum that facilitates the mastery of core academic skills at a pace and level appropriate to gifted learners.
 - ii. Differentiated curriculum that replaces, supplements, or modifies existing curriculum.
 - iii. Instructional program that is flexible, and consists of advanced content and appropriately different teaching and learning strategies.
 - iv. Differentiated curriculum that is consistent district-wide.
- b. Program Model
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- b. Strategies must be employed to identify students from groups traditionally underrepresented in gifted populations.

4. Eligibility

- a. A student is eligible for the gifted program if “the student demonstrates:
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 - ii. Need for a special program;
 - iii. A majority of the characteristics of gifted students according to a standard scale or checklist.”
- b. Districts are also mandated by the State to develop alternative criteria to increase the representation of underrepresented groups in gifted programs. (6A-6.03019(2))

5. Transfer Students

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- b. Transfer students from within the state who have full documentation of gifted eligibility will be immediately eligible for gifted services.
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6. Program Model

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C. High School Gifted Education

1. District Goals

- a. To provide a menu of gifted services which meet the unique needs of each individual student.
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- c. To provide gifted curriculum aligned with the State standards that is standardized and qualitatively differentiated by content, process, product, and learning environment.
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2. Gifted Programs Standards

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- c. Guidance and Counseling
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- b. Services will be provided in the core content areas, depending upon a student's need. Gifted services, however, are not limited to curriculum and learning environment. Other services must be provided based on the individual needs of the students.
 - i. Honors, Advanced Placement, Dual Enrollment, International Baccalaureate, and magnet programs often serve the needs of gifted students. However, gifted services must be available to high school students whether or not gifted content area classes are offered. Services may take the form of gifted electives, gifted seminars, and consultation with a gifted endorsed teacher. Gifted students are entitled to remain under the gifted umbrella as long as the educational plan is current, and a matrix of services is completed annually.

Adopted _____

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