

**Focus Topic: Learning and Development**

The Student Will...

<b>Standard 1 Description:</b> Educators, recognizing the learning and developmental differences of students with gifts and talents, promote ongoing self-understanding, awareness of their needs, and cognitive and affective growth of these students in school, home, and community settings to ensure specific student outcomes				
<b>Student Outcomes</b>	<b>Alignment</b>	<b>Guiding Principles</b>	<b>Evidence Based Practices</b>	<b>Alignment</b>
<b>Self Understanding</b> - Students with gifts and talents demonstrate self-knowledge with respect to their interests, strengths, identities, and needs in socio-emotional development and in intellectual, academic, creative, leadership, and artistic domains	1.1	A comprehensive and cohesive process for student nomination must be coordinated in order to determine eligibility for gifted education services.	Educators engage students with gifts and talents in identifying interests, strengths, and gifts.	1.1.1
			Educators assist students with gifts and talents in developing identities supportive of achievement	1.1.2
<b>Self Understanding</b> - Students with gifts and talents possess a developmentally appropriate understanding of how they learn and grow; they recognize the influences of their beliefs, traditions, and values on their learning and behavior.	1.2	Instruments used for student assessment to determine eligibility for gifted education services must measure diverse abilities, talents, strengths, and needs in order to provide students an opportunity to demonstrate any strengths.	Educators develop activities that match each student's developmental level and culture-based learning needs	1.2.1

<p><b>Self Understanding</b> - Students with gifts and talents demonstrate understanding of and respect for similarities and differences between themselves and their peer group and others in the general population</p>	<p>1.3</p>	<p>A student assessment profile of individual strengths and needs must be developed to plan appropriate intervention.</p>	<p>Educators provide a variety of research-based grouping practices for students with gifts and talents that allow them to interact with individuals of various gifts, talents, abilities, and strengths.</p>	<p>1.3.1</p>
			<p>Educators model respect for individuals with diverse abilities, strengths, and goals.</p>	<p>1.3.2</p>
<p><b>Awareness of Needs</b> - Students with gifts and talents access resources from the community to support cognitive and affective needs, including social interactions with others having similar interests and abilities or experiences, including same-age peers and mentors or experts</p>	<p>1.4</p>	<p>All student identification procedures and instruments must be based on current theory and research.</p>	<p>Educators provide role models (e.g., through mentors, bibliotherapy) for students with gifts and talents that match their abilities and interests</p>	<p>1.4.1</p>
			<p>Educators identify out-of-school learning opportunities that match students' abilities and interests.</p>	<p>1.4.2</p>
<p><b>Awareness of Needs</b> - Students' families and communities understand similarities and differences with respect to the development and characteristics of advanced and typical learners and support students with gifts and talents' needs</p>	<p>1.5</p>	<p>Written procedures for student identification must include, at the very least, provisions for informed consent, student retention, student reassessment, student exiting, and appeals procedures.</p>	<p>Educators collaborate with families in accessing resources to develop their child's talents.</p>	<p>1.5.1</p>
<p><b>Cognitive and Affective Growth</b> - Students with gifts and talents benefit from meaningful and challenging learning activities addressing their unique characteristics and needs.</p>	<p>1.6</p>		<p>Educators design interventions for students to develop cognitive and affective growth that is based on research of effective practices</p>	<p>1.6.1</p>
			<p>Educators develop specialized intervention services for students with gifts and talents who are underachieving and are now learning and developing their talents</p>	<p>1.6.2</p>

<b>Cognitive and Affective Growth -</b> Students with gifts and talents recognize their preferred approaches to learning and expand their repertoire	1.7		Teachers enable students to identify their preferred approaches to learning, accommodate these preferences, and expand them	1.7.1
<b>Cognitive and Affective Growth -</b> Students with gifts and talents identify future career goals that match their talents and abilities and resources needed to meet those goals (e.g., higher education opportunities, mentors, financial support).	1.8		Educators provide students with college and career guidance that is consistent with their strengths	1.8.1
			Teachers and counselors implement a curriculum scope and sequence that contains person/social awareness and adjustment, academic planning, and vocational and career awareness	1.8.2

**Focus Topic: Assessment**

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<b>Standard 2 Description:</b> Assessments provide information about identification, learning progress and outcomes, and evaluation of programming for students with gifts and talents in all domains.				
Student Outcomes	Alignment	Guiding Principles	Evidence Based Practices	Alignment
<b>Identification</b> - All students in grades PK-12 have equal access to a comprehensive assessment system that allows them to demonstrate diverse characteristics and behaviors that are associated with giftedness.	2.1	An evaluation must be purposeful.	Educators develop environments and instructional activities that encourage students to express diverse characteristics and behaviors that are associated with giftedness	2.1.1

			Educators provide parents/ guardians with information regarding diverse characteristics and behaviors that are associated with giftedness	2.1.2
<b>Identification</b> - Each student reveals his or her exceptionalities or potential through assessment evidence so that appropriate instructional accommodations and modifications can be provided.	2.2	An evaluation must be efficient and economic.	Educators establish comprehensive, cohesive, and ongoing procedures for identifying and serving students with gifts and talents. These provisions include informed consent, committee review, student retention, student reassessment, student exiting, and appeals procedures for both entry and exit from gifted program services	2.2.1
			Educators select and use multiple assessments that measure diverse abilities, talents, and strengths that are based on current theories, models, and research.	2.2.2
			Assessments provide qualitative and quantitative information from a variety of sources, including off-level testing, are nonbiased and equitable, and are technically adequate for the purpose	2.2.3
			Educators have knowledge of student exceptionalities and collect assessment data while adjusting curriculum and instruction to learn about each student's developmental level and aptitude for learning.	2.2.4

			Educators interpret multiple assessments in different domains and understand the uses and limitations of the assessments in identifying the needs of students with gifts and talents	2.2.5
			Educators inform all parents/guardians about the identification process. Teachers obtain parental/guardian permission for assessments, use culturally sensitive checklists, and elicit evidence regarding the child’s interests and potential outside of the classroom setting	2.2.6
<b>Identification</b> - Students with identified needs represent diverse backgrounds and reflect the total student population of the district.	2.3	An evaluation must be conducted competently and ethically.	Educators select and use non-biased and equitable approaches for identifying students with gifts and talents, which may include using locally developed norms or assessment tools in the child’s native language or in nonverbal formats.	2.3.1
			Educators understand and implement district and state policies designed to foster equity in gifted programming and services	2.3.2
			Educators provide parents/guardians with information in their native language regarding diverse behaviors and characteristics that are associated with giftedness and with information that explains the nature and purpose of gifted programming options	2.3.3

<p><b>Learning Progress and Outcomes -</b> Students with gifts and talents demonstrate advanced and complex learning as a result of using multiple, appropriate, and ongoing assessments.</p>	<p>2.4</p>	<p>The evaluation results must be made available through a written report.</p>	<p>Educators use differentiated pre- and post- performance-based assessments to measure the progress of students with gifts and talents</p>	<p>2.4.1</p>
			<p>Educators use differentiated product-based assessments to measure the progress of students with gifts and talents</p>	<p>2.4.2</p>
			<p>Educators use off-level standardized assessments to measure the progress of students with gifts and talents</p>	<p>2.4.3</p>
			<p>Educators use and interpret qualitative and quantitative assessment information to develop a profile of the strengths and weaknesses of each student with gifts and talents to plan appropriate intervention.</p>	<p>2.4.4</p>
			<p>Educators communicate and interpret assessment information to students with gifts and talents and their parents/guardians</p>	<p>2.4.5</p>
<p><b>Evaluation of Programming -</b> Students identified with gifts and talents demonstrate important learning progress as a result of programming and services</p>	<p>2.5</p>		<p>Educators ensure that the assessments used in the identification and evaluation processes are reliable and valid for each instrument’s purpose, allow for above-grade-level performance, and allow for diverse perspectives</p>	<p>2.5.1</p>

			<p>Educators ensure that the assessment of the progress of students with gifts and talents uses multiple indicators that measure mastery of content, higher level thinking skills, achievement in specific program areas, and affective growth</p>	2.5.2
			<p>Educators assess the quantity, quality, and appropriateness of the programming and services provided for students with gifts and talents by disaggregating assessment data and yearly progress data and making the results public</p>	2.5.3
<p><b>Evaluation of Programming -</b> Students identified with gifts and talents have increased access and they show significant learning progress as a result of improving components of gifted education programming.</p>	2.6		<p>Administrators provide the necessary time and resources to implement an annual evaluation plan developed by persons with expertise in program evaluation and gifted education.</p>	2.6.1
			<p>The evaluation plan is purposeful and evaluates how student-level outcomes are influenced by one or more of the following components of gifted education programming: (a) identification, (b) curriculum, (c) instructional programming and services, (d) ongoing assessment of student learning, (e) counseling and guidance programs, (f) teacher qualifications and professional development, (g) parent/guardian and community involvement, (h) programming resources, and (i) programming design, management, and delivery.</p>	2.6.2

			Educators disseminate the results of the evaluation, orally and in written form, and explain how they will use the results	2.6.3
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**Focus Topic: Curriculum and Instruction**

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<p><b>Standard 3 Description:</b> Educators apply the theory and research-based models of curriculum and instruction related to students with gifts and talents and respond to their needs by planning, selecting, adapting, and creating culturally relevant curriculum and by using a repertoire of evidence-based instructional strategies to ensure specific student outcomes.</p>				
Student Outcomes	Alignment	Guiding Principles	Evidence Based Practices	Alignment
<p><b>Curriculum Planning</b> - Students with gifts and talents demonstrate growth commensurate with aptitude during the school year.</p>	<p>3.1</p>	<p>Gifted education programming must be integrated into the general education program.</p>	<p>Educators use local, state, and national standards to align and expand curriculum and instructional plans</p>	<p>3.1.1</p>
			<p>Educators design and use a comprehensive and continuous scope and sequence to develop differentiated plans for PK-12 students with gifts and talents.</p>	<p>3.1.2</p>

			Educators adapt, modify, or replace the core or standard curriculum to meet the needs of students with gifts and talents and those with special needs such as twice-exceptional, highly gifted, and English language learners.	3.1.3
			Educators design differentiated curricula that incorporate advanced, conceptually challenging, in-depth, distinctive, and complex content for students with gifts and talents	3.1.4
			Educators use a balanced assessment system, including pre-assessment and formative assessment, to identify students' needs, develop differentiated education plans, and adjust plans based on continual progress monitoring.	3.1.5
			Educators use pre-assessments and pace instruction based on the learning rates of students with gifts and talents and accelerate and compact learning as appropriate	3.1.6

			Educators use information and technologies, including assistive technologies, to individualize for students with gifts and talents, including those who are twice-exceptional.	3.1.7
<b>Talent Development</b> - Students with gifts and talents become more competent in multiple talent areas and across dimensions of learning	3.2	Gifted education programming must include positive working relationships with constituency and advocacy groups, as well as with compliance agencies.	Educators design curricula in cognitive, affective, aesthetic, social, and leadership domains that are challenging and effective for students with gifts and talents.	3.2.1
			Educators use metacognitive models to meet the needs of students with gifts and talents.	3.2.2
<b>Talent Development</b> - Students with gifts and talents develop their abilities in their domain of talent and/or area of interest.	3.3	Requisite resources and materials must be provided to support the efforts of gifted education programming.	Educators select, adapt, and use a repertoire of instructional strategies and materials that differentiate for students with gifts and talents and that respond to diversity.	3.3.1
			Educators use school and community resources that support differentiation.	3.3.2

			Educators provide opportunities for students with gifts and talents to explore, develop, or research their areas of interest and/or talent	3.3.3
<b>Instructional Strategies</b> - Students with gifts and talents become independent investigators.	3.4		Educators use critical-thinking strategies to meet the needs of students with gifts and talents.	3.4.1
			Educators use creative-thinking strategies to meet the needs of students with gifts and talents.	3.4.2
			Educators use problem-solving model strategies to meet the needs of students with gifts and talents	3.4.3
			Educators use inquiry models to meet the needs of students with gifts and talents.	3.4.4
<b>Culturally Relevant Curriculum</b> - Students with gifts and talents develop knowledge and skills for living and being productive in a multicultural, diverse, and global society	3.5		Educators develop and use challenging, culturally responsive curriculum to engage all students with gifts and talents.	3.5.1

			Educators integrate career exploration experiences into learning opportunities for students with gifts and talents, e.g. biography study or speakers	3.5.2
			Educators use curriculum for deep explorations of cultures, languages, and social issues related to diversity.	3.5.3
<b>Resources</b> - Students with gifts and talents benefit from gifted education programming that provides a variety of high quality resources and materials.	3.6		Teachers and administrators demonstrate familiarity with sources for high quality resources and materials that are appropriate for learners with gifts and talents.	3.6.1

**Focus Topic: Learning Environments**

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<b>Standard 4 Description:</b> Learning environments foster personal and social responsibility, multicultural competence, and interpersonal and technical communication skills for leadership in the 21st century to ensure specific student outcomes.				
<b>Student Outcomes</b>	<b>Alignment</b>	<b>Guiding Principles</b>	<b>Evidence Based Practices</b>	<b>Alignment</b>
<b>Personal Competence</b> - Students with gifts and talents demonstrate growth in personal competence and dispositions for exceptional academic and creative productivity. These include self-awareness, self-advocacy, self-efficacy, confidence, motivation, resilience, independence, curiosity, and risk taking.	4.1	Gifted learners must be provided with differentiated guidance efforts to meet their unique socio-emotional development.	Educators maintain high expectations for all students with gifts and talents as evidenced in meaningful and challenging activities	4.1.1
			Educators provide opportunities for self-exploration, development and pursuit of interests, and development of identities supportive of achievement, e.g., through mentors and role models	4.1.2
			Educators create environments that support trust among diverse learners	4.1.3

			Educators provide feedback that focuses on effort, on evidence of potential to meet high standards, and on mistakes as learning opportunities	4.1.4
			Educators provide examples of positive coping skills and opportunities to apply them	4.1.5
<b>Social Competence</b> - Students with gifts and talents develop social competence manifested in positive peer relationships and social interactions.	4.2	Gifted learners must be provided with affective curriculum in addition to differentiated guidance and counseling services.	Educators understand the needs of students with gifts and talents for both solitude and social interaction	4.2.1
			Educators provide opportunities for interaction with intellectual and artistic/creative peers as well as with chronological-age peers	4.2.2
			Educators assess and provide instruction on social skills needed for school, community, and the world of work	4.2.3
<b>Leadership</b> - Students with gifts and talents demonstrate personal and social responsibility and leadership skills.	4.3	Underachieving gifted learners must be served rather than omitted from differentiated services.	Educators establish a safe and welcoming climate for addressing social issues and developing personal responsibility.	4.3.1

			Educators provide environments for developing many forms of leadership and leadership skills	4.3.2
			Educators promote opportunities for leadership in community settings to effect positive change	4.3.3
<p><b>Cultural Competence</b> - Students with gifts and talents value their own and others’ language, heritage, and circumstance. They possess skills in communicating, teaming, and collaborating with diverse individuals and across diverse groups.<sup>1</sup> They use positive strategies to address social issues, including discrimination and stereotyping.</p>	4.4		Educators model appreciation for and sensitivity to students’ diverse backgrounds and languages.	4.4.1
			Educators censure discriminatory language and behavior and model appropriate strategies.	4.4.2
			Educators provide structured opportunities to collaborate with diverse peers on a common goal.	4.4.3
<p><b>Communication Competence</b> - Students with gifts and talents develop competence in interpersonal and technical communication skills. They demonstrate advanced oral and written skills, balanced biliteracy or multiliteracy, and creative expression. They display fluency with technologies that support effective communication.</p>	4.5		Educators provide opportunities for advanced development and maintenance of first and second language(s).	4.5.1
			Educators provide resources to enhance oral, written, and artistic forms of communication, recognizing students’ cultural context.	4.5.2

			<p>Educators ensure access to advanced communication tools, including assistive technologies, and use of these tools for expressing higher-level thinking and creative productivity.</p>	<p>4.5.3</p>
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**Focus Topic: Programming**

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<b>Standard 5 Description:</b> Educators are aware of empirical evidence regarding (a) the cognitive, creative, and affective development of learners with gifts and talents, and (b) programming that meets their concomitant needs. Educators use this expertise systematically and collaboratively to develop, implement, and effectively manage comprehensive services for students with a variety of gifts and talents to ensure specific student outcomes.				
<b>Student Outcomes</b>	<b>Alignment</b>	<b>Guiding Principles</b>	<b>Evidence Based Practices</b>	<b>Alignment</b>
<b>Variety of Programming</b> - Students with gifts and talents participate in a variety of evidence-based programming options that enhance performance in cognitive and affective areas.	5.1	An evaluation must be purposeful.	Educators regularly use multiple alternative approaches to accelerate learning.	5.1.1
			Educators regularly use enrichment options to extend and deepen learning opportunities within and outside of the school setting.	5.1.2
			Educators regularly use multiple forms of grouping, including clusters, resource rooms, special classes, or special schools.	5.1.3
			Educators regularly use individualized learning options such as mentorships, internships, online courses, and independent study.	5.1.4

			Educators regularly use current technologies, including online learning options and assistive technologies to enhance access to high-level programming.	5.1.5
			Administrators demonstrate support for gifted programs through equitable allocation of resources and demonstrated willingness to ensure that learners with gifts and talents receive appropriate educational services.	5.1.6
<b>Coordinated Services</b> - Students with gifts and talents demonstrate progress as a result of the shared commitment and coordinated services of gifted education, general education, special education, and related professional services, such as school counselors, school psychologists, and social workers.	5.2	Rather than any single gifted program, a continuum of programming services must exist for gifted learners.	Educators in gifted, general, and special education programs, as well as those in specialized areas, collaboratively plan, develop, and implement services for learners with gifts and talents.	5.2.1
<b>Collaboration</b> - Students with gifts and talents' learning is enhanced by regular collaboration among families, community, and the school.	5.3	Gifted education programming must evolve from a comprehensive and sound base.	Educators regularly engage families and community members for planning, programming, evaluating, and advocating.	5.3.1
<b>Resources</b> - Students with gifts and talents participate in gifted education programming that is adequately funded to meet student needs and program goals.	5.4	Gifted education programming services must be an integral part of the general education school day.	Administrators track expenditures at the school level to verify appropriate and sufficient funding for gifted programming and services.	5.4.1

<p><b>Comprehensiveness</b> - Students with gifts and talents develop their potential through comprehensive, aligned programming and services.</p>	<p>5.5</p>	<p>Flexible groupings of students must be developed in order to facilitate differentiated instruction and curriculum.</p>	<p>Educators develop thoughtful, multi-year program plans in relevant student talent areas, PK-12.</p>	<p>5.5.1</p>
<p><b>Policies and Procedures</b> - Students with gifts and talents participate in regular and gifted education programs that are guided by clear policies and procedures that provide for their advanced learning needs (e.g., early entrance, acceleration, credit in lieu of enrollment).</p>	<p>5.6</p>	<p>Policies specific to adapting and adding to the nature and operations of the general education program are necessary for gifted education.</p>	<p>Educators create policies and procedures to guide and sustain all components of the program, including assessment, identification, acceleration practices, and grouping practices, that is built on an evidence-based foundation in gifted education.</p>	<p>5.6.1</p>
<p><b>Career Pathways</b> - Students with gifts and talents identify future career goals and the talent development pathways to reach those goals.</p>	<p>5.7</p>		<p>Educators provide professional guidance and counseling for individual student strengths, interests, and values.</p>	<p>5.7.1</p>
			<p>Educators facilitate mentorships, internships, and vocational programming experiences that match student interests and aptitudes.</p>	<p>5.7.2</p>

**Focus Topic: Professional Development**

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<p><b>Standard 6 Description:</b> All educators (administrators, teachers, counselors, and other instructional support staff) build their knowledge and skills using the NAGC/CEC Teacher Standards for Gifted and Talented Education and the National Staff Development Standards. They formally assess professional development needs related to the standards, develop and monitor plans, systematically engage in training to meet the identified needs, and demonstrate mastery of standard. They access resources to provide for release time, funding for continuing education, and substitute support. These practices are judged through the assessment of relevant student outcomes.</p>				
Student Outcomes	Alignment	Guiding Principles	Evidence Based Practices	Alignment
<p><b>Talent Development -</b> Students develop their talents and gifts as a result of interacting with educators who meet the national teacher preparation standards in gifted education.</p>	6.1	<p>A comprehensive staff development program must be provided for all school staff involved in the education of gifted learners.</p>	<p>Educators systematically participate in ongoing, research-supported professional development that addresses the foundations of gifted education, characteristics of students with gifts and talents, assessment, curriculum planning and instruction, learning environments, and programming.</p>	6.1.1

			The school district provides professional development for teachers that models how to develop environments and instructional activities that encourage students to express diverse characteristics and behaviors that are associated with giftedness.	6.1.2
			Educators participate in ongoing professional development addressing key issues such as anti-intellectualism and trends in gifted education such as equity and access.	6.1.3
			Administrators provide human and material resources needed for professional development in gifted education (e.g. release time, funding for continuing education, substitute support, webinars, or mentors).	6.1.4
			Educators use their awareness of organizations and publications relevant to gifted education to promote learning for students with gifts and talents.	6.1.5

<p><b>Socio-emotional Development</b> - Students with gifts and talents develop socially and emotionally as a result of educators who have participated in professional development aligned with national standards in gifted education and National Staff Development Standards.</p>	<p>6.2</p>	<p>Only qualified personnel should be involved in the education of gifted learners.</p>	<p>Educators participate in ongoing professional development to support the social and emotional needs of students with gifts and talents.</p>	<p>6.2.1</p>
<p><b>Lifelong Learners</b> - Students develop their gifts and talents as a result of educators who are life-long learners, participating in ongoing professional development and continuing education opportunities.</p>	<p>6.3</p>	<p>School personnel require support for their specific efforts related to the education of gifted learners.</p>	<p>Educators assess their instructional practices and continue their education in school district staff development, professional organizations, and higher education settings based on these assessments</p>	<p>6.3.1</p>
			<p>Educators participate in professional development that is sustained over time, that includes regular follow-up, and that seeks evidence of impact on teacher practice and on student learning</p>	<p>6.3.2</p>
			<p>Educators use multiple modes of professional development delivery including online courses, online and electronic communities, face-to-face workshops, professional learning communities, and book talks.</p>	<p>6.3.3</p>

			Educators identify and address areas for personal growth for teaching students with gifts and talents in their professional development plans	6.3.4
<b>Ethics</b> - Students develop their gifts and talents as a result of educators who are ethical in their practices.	6.4	The educational staff must be provided with time and other support for the preparation and development of the differentiated education plans, materials, curriculum.	Educators respond to cultural and personal frames of reference when teaching students with gifts and talents.	6.4.1
			Educators comply with rules, policies, and standards of ethical practice.	6.4.2