

**Identification - Talented and Gifted Students\*\***

In order to serve academically talented and intellectually gifted students in grades K-12, the superintendent is responsible for ensuring a written identification process is developed and maintained. This process of identification shall include as a minimum:

1. Use of research based best practices to identify talented and gifted students from under-represented populations such as ethnic minorities, students with disabilities, students who are culturally and/or linguistically diverse or economically disadvantaged.
2. Behavioral, learning and/or performance information.
3. A nationally standardized mental ability test for assistance in the identification of intellectually gifted students.
4. A nationally standardized academic achievement test of reading or mathematics or a test of total English Language Arts/Literacy or total mathematics on the Smarter Balanced Assessment for assistance in identifying academically talented students.

Identified students shall score at or above the 97th percentile on one of these tests. Other students who demonstrate the potential to perform at the eligibility criteria, as well as additional students who are talented and gifted, may be identified.

The district shall inform parents of the identification of their student as talented and gifted. The district shall further inform parents of program or service options available and provide them an opportunity to participate in selecting those programs or options most appropriate for their student.

If a parent is dissatisfied with the identification process or placement of their student, they may appeal the decision through Board policy KL - Public Complaints. After exhausting the district's appeal procedure and receiving a final decision, a parent may appeal the decision to the State Superintendent of Public Instruction.

The superintendent is responsible for ensuring written procedures for parent notification and participation are developed and maintained.

END OF POLICY

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**Legal Reference(s):**

[ORS 343.395](#)  
[ORS 343.407](#)  
[ORS 343.411](#)

[OAR 581-021-0030](#)  
[OAR 581-022-1310 to -1330](#)  
[OAR 581-022-1940](#)

[OAR 581-022-1941](#)

**Cross Reference(s):**

IGBBC - Programs and Services - Talented and Gifted