

# Gifted and Talented Education in Iowa

## Definition

Iowa Code **257.44 Gifted and talented children defined.**

*"Gifted and talented children"* are those identified as possessing outstanding abilities who are capable of high performance. Gifted and talented children are children who require appropriate instruction and educational services commensurate with their abilities and needs beyond those provided by the regular school program.

Gifted and talented children include those children with demonstrated achievement or potential ability, or both, in any of the following areas or in combination:

1. General intellectual ability.
2. Creative thinking.
3. Leadership ability.
4. Visual and performing arts ability.
5. Specific ability aptitude.

89 Acts, ch 135, § 44

## **Chapter 12** **General Accreditation Standards**

Iowa Administrative Code  
School Rules of Iowa

*General accreditation standards are intended to fulfill the state's responsibility for making available an appropriate program that has high expectations for all students in 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.

# **Gifted and Talented Funding in Iowa**

## **Funding**

### **Iowa Code**

#### **257.46 Funding.**

1. The budget of an approved gifted and talented children program for a school district, after subtracting funds received from other sources for the 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 growth. School districts shall annually report the amount expended for a gifted and talented program to the department of education. The portion 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.