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Identification of Academically Talented and Intellectually Gifted Students

(1) Each school district shall have local district policies and procedures for the identification of talented and gifted students as defined in ORS 343.395 who demonstrate outstanding ability or potential in one or more of the following areas:

- (a) General intellectual ability as commonly measured by measures of intelligence and aptitude.
- (b) Unusual academic ability in one or more academic areas.

(2) The policies and procedures must meet the following requirements:

(a) Districts shall use make-efforts research based best practices to identify ~~students from ethnic minorities,~~ students from under-represented populations including: ethnic minorities, students with disabilities, ~~and~~ students who are culturally and/or linguistically diverse, different or economically disadvantaged.

(b) A team shall make the final decisions on the identification of students using the information collected under paragraphs (c) and (d) of this section. No single test, measure or score shall be the sole criterion. A record of the team's decision, and the data used by the team to make the decision, shall become part of the education record for each student considered.

(c) Districts shall collect behavioral, learning and performance information and include the information in all procedures for the identification of students.

(d) The following measures and criteria for identifying the intellectually gifted and the academically talented shall be used by the team:

(A) Intellectually gifted students shall score at or above the 97th percentile on a nationally standardized test of mental ability; and

(B) Academically talented students shall score at or above the 97th percentile on a test of total reading or a test of total mathematics from a nationally standardized test battery, a nationally standardized test of reading or mathematics, or a test of total reading English Language Arts/Literacy or total mathematics on the ~~Oregon Assessment of Knowledge and Skills Smarter Balanced Assessment~~.

(e) Despite a student's failure to qualify under paragraphs (d)_(A) and (B) of this subsection, districts, by local policies and procedures, shall identify students who demonstrate the potential to perform at the 97th percentile.

(3) School districts may identify additional students who are talented and gifted as defined in ORS 343.395, as determined by local district policies and procedures, if the students demonstrate outstanding ability or potential in one or more of the following areas:

- (a) Creative ability in using original or nontraditional methods in thinking and producing.
- (b) Leadership ability in motivating the performance of others either in educational or non-educational settings.
- (c) Ability in the visual or performing arts, such as dance, music or art.

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