PROGRAMS FOR TALENTED AND GIFTED STUDENTS

The Alexandria City School Board is committed to providing a challenging and engaging learning experience for all children. Alexandria City Public Schools (ACPS) is committed to reducing disproportionality in our talented and gifted program.

The Board approves a comprehensive plan for the education of the unique needs of students identified for receiving gifted services; the plan includes the components identified in Virginia Board of Education regulations. The development process for the plan includes opportunities for public review of the plan. The plan for the education of students identified for receiving gifted services is accessible through the division's website and printed copies of the plan are available to citizens who do not have online access.

ACPS has uniform procedures for screening, referring, and identifying kindergarten through twelfth grade students who may benefit from gifted services based on general intellectual or specific academic aptitude. Students identified for receiving gifted service are provided those services using uniform procedures.

ACPS provides written notification to and seeks written consent from parents and legal guardians to conduct any required assessment to determine a referred student's eligibility for receiving gifted service, and to provide services for an identified for receiving gifted services in the division's gifted education program.

The Board has established a local advisory committee composed of parents, school personnel, and other community members appointed by the Board. The committee will reflect the ethnic and geographical composition of the school division. The committee will annually review the division's plan for the education of students identified for receiving gifted services, including revisions, and determine the extent to which the plan for the previous year was implemented. The findings of the annual program effectiveness and the recommendations of the committee will be submitted annually in writing to the superintendent and the Board.

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