

PROGRAMS FOR TALENTED AND GIFTED STUDENTS

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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.

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The ACPS School Board has established a local advisory committee composed of parents, school personnel, and other community members appointed by the School 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 School Board.

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8 VAC 20-40-40
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~~The School Board shall provide acceptable programs for gifted students. ACPS shall provide educational opportunities appropriate to each student's exceptional abilities. The School Board recognizes its responsibility to provide each student with the opportunity to realize his/her potential. Gifted students require a unique, advanced, and challenging educational program in order to enhance development their special abilities. The School Board shall submit an annual report on its Program of Gifted Education to the Department of Education as prescribed by the Board of Education.~~

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48 ~~by the division. The comments and recommendations of the committee shall be provided in writing to~~
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