Sisters School District 6

Identification - Talented and Gifted**

In order to serve academically talented and intellectually gifted students in grades K-12, the district directs the superintendent to establish a written identification process. A Talented and Gifted Handbook, which includes the written identification process, is available for review at the district office and at each building. 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 identifying intellectually gifted students;
- 4. A nationally standardized academic achievement test of reading or 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.

Identification will occur in a timely manner in order to ensure students are appropriately served.

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 the district's final decision, a parent may appeal the decision to the Deputy Superintendent of Public Instruction under Oregon Administrative Rule (OAR) 581-002-0001 – 581-002-0023. The district shall provide a copy of the OARs upon request

END OF POLICY

Legal Reference(s):

ORS 343.395 ORS 343.407 ORS 343.411

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