



Educational Plans

An educational plan (EP) is a plan written for each student who is identified as eligible for gifted education services. EPs are developed for students identified solely as gifted. A child who is twice exceptional, with disabilities and has met the gifted criteria, must have an Individual Education Plan (IEP) that covers all of their needs including gifted services. The EP describes the student's educational needs based on the strengths of the student and the services that will be provided to supplement and build on the basic academic state standards to ensure the student continues to make gains. School districts have the responsibility to provide students who are gifted in grades K-12 with an EP to ensure the student has FAPE. The contents of the EP should provide detailed information that is useful to the student, school personnel and to the parents/guardians.

What is in the EP

A statement of the individual student's present levels of performance which may include, but is not limited to, the student's strengths and interests, the student's needs beyond the general curriculum, results of the student's performance on class work, district and state assessments, school grades and evaluation results;

- A statement of measurable goals, including benchmarks or short term objectives for skills or content areas where the student shows strength, high abilities or the potential for high abilities when appropriately supported;
- A statement of the specially designed instruction to be provided to the student;
- A statement of how progress toward the goals will be measured and reported to parents; and
- The projected date for the beginning of services and the anticipated frequency, location and duration of those services.

For more information about an EP, please visit the FDOE link:

<http://info.fldoe.org/docushare/dsweb/Get/Document-7762/dps-2016-53.pdf>

Secondary Students Who are Gifted

According to Rule 6A-6.0332, Florida Administrative Code, the state's goal is to provide full educational opportunity and a free appropriate public education (FAPE) to students who are gifted in grades kindergarten through 12. It seems to become more challenging in secondary programs, though. Some ways to meet the needs of gifted students at this level are honors, advanced placement (AP), international baccalaureate (IB), dual enrollment programs, curriculum differentiation, curriculum compacting, acceleration and enrichment opportunities.

For more information about meeting the needs of secondary students who are gifted, please visit the FDOE link:

<http://info.fldoe.org/docushare/dsweb/Get/Document-7761/dps-2016-57.pdf>

Good News from the Districts

- * Florida State University Laboratory School participated in the celebration of Mediation Week by visiting the Florida Supreme Court in Tallahassee. The students wrote and performed various skits involving mediation. The purpose was to show how conflicts can be resolved by getting past differences in positions to see things from the other point of view. What a great way to promote and celebrate peaceful conflict resolution.
- * Seminole County currently has over 90 teachers actively working towards their gifted endorsement.
- * Hendry County began a partnership with Sanibel Sea School this year. Once a month students travel from inland to the coast to learn about the various ecosystems. The fifth grade gifted students are preparing for the first ever Lego League Challenge in Southwest Florida by creating a robot and working on a research project that involves problem solving. The elementary students are participating in the Carnegie Hall music curriculum and will play recorder pieces with the Naples Philharmonic later this year.
- * Miami-Dade County's largest robotics competition brought more than 100 teams to the Miami Springs Recreation Center. Teams had to build and program robots to transport objects to a designated area. This competition not only promotes STEM activities but teamwork and collaboration as well. 16 prizes were awarded, and some even qualified for the statewide competition.
- * Jackson County's gifted program has been learning about the presidential election process through many engaging activities this semester. Students in grades K-8 learned about the Electoral College, presidential candidate requirements and branches of American government. As a culminating project after studying the election process, students will be presenting the Living History Presidents Wax Museum the week of December 12-16.
- * St. Johns County presented a Gifted Parent Training with over 60 parents attending. Teachers presented in the areas of gifted characteristics, setting goals and creating a growth mindset. Parents were even able to quiz themselves to check their own mindset. They will hold another parent session in March.

Video

Building Diversity in Gifted Programs-- Amanda Champany

<http://viewpure.com/B1nxzdemPk?start=0&end=0>

Quick Answers

What are some things I can do with my gifted child at home?

Ten Games for Gifted Students <https://www.verywell.com/ten-games-for-gifted-children-1449025>

It's All Fun and Games

http://www.nagc.org/sites/default/files/Publication%20PHP/PHP_2015_ToyList.pdf

GT-World Reading Lists <http://vcbconsulting.com/gtworld/gtbook.htm>

Why Not Try a Fun Science Experiment Right Now

<https://sciencebob.com/category/experiments/>

Free Brain Games <http://www.exquisite-minds.com/best-thinking-games-online/>

Websites for Gifted Students <http://www.thekidstory.com/websites-for-gifted-children/>

Resources

- FDOE--<http://fldoe.org/academics/exceptional-student-edu/gifted-edu.stml>
- NAGC-- National Association for Gifted Children <http://www.nagc.org>
- SENG-- Supporting Emotional Needs of the Gifted <http://www.sengifted.org>
- FLAG--Florida Association for the Gifted <http://www.flagifted.org>
- FSCA-- Florida School Counselors Association <http://www.fla-schoolcounselor.org/>
- NSGT-- National Society for the Gifted and Talented <http://www.nsgt.org/>
- CEC-- Council for Exceptional Children <http://www.cec.sped.org/Special-Ed-Topics/Specialty-Areas/Gifted/CEC-Resources>
- CTY--Johns Hopkins Center for Talented Youth <http://cty.jhu.edu/services/index.html>