

**MAINE SCHOOL ADMINISTRATIVE DISTRICT #53
Burnham – Detroit – Pittsfield**

Program for Gifted and Talented Students

MSAD #53 is committed to the identification of gifted and talented students in grades K through 8 in accordance with state law and guidelines. Gifted and talented students shall comprise up to 5% of the total population for academics and up to 5% of the population in the arts. Identified students are those students who excel, or have the potential to excel, beyond their age peers in the regular school program and who need to learn at their own rate, regardless of chronological age or grade placement, in one or more of the following categories:

1. General intellectual ability as shown by demonstrated significant achievement or potential for significant accomplishment above their age peers in all academic areas;
2. Specific academic aptitude as shown by demonstrated significant achievement or potential for significant accomplishment above their age peers in one or more academic areas;
3. Artistic ability as shown by demonstrated significant achievement or potential for significant accomplishment above their age peers in the literary, performing, and/or visual arts.

The superintendent, or designee, shall ensure that a process is in place for the screening, identification, placement, and review of identification for students in the gifted and talented program.

Legal Reference: Title 20-A § 8101 et seq.

Policy Reference: 8.5 Promotion, Retention, and Acceleration of Students;
8.11 Tests/Assessments

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