



Gifted and Talented Advisory Committee Update

School Board Meeting: April 6, 2026

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Gifted and Talented Advisory Committee



MISSION: The mission of the Gifted and Talented Advisory Committee (GTAC) is two-fold:

- Promote and enhance the goals and objectives of Gifted Education programming.
- Build positive partnerships among schools, teachers, gifted education staff, administration, parents, and the community to support current gifted education services and to advocate for future programming needs.

Membership - Composition



In alignment with our Strategic Framework, we have prioritized creating a diversified committee consisting of perspectives representative of the various school levels. Diverse perspectives representative of our student population will be sought, including but not limited to:

- Race
- Gender
- Orientation

2025-2026 Meeting Dates



Date	Time	Meeting Location
September 29, 2025	4:30 - 6:00 PM	District Office
November 17, 2025	4:30 - 6:00 PM	District Office
February 2, 2026	4:30 - 6:00 PM	District Office
March 9, 2026	4:30 - 6:00 PM	District Office
May 11, 2026	4:30 - 6:00 PM	District Office

Note: Due to many overlapping curricular topics with GTAC, we continue having a 30 minute combined CAC/GTAC session (5:30-6:00).

4-Way Equity Test



1. Does this help to provide opportunities for students who have historically been underserved, underrepresented, or disadvantaged by the current system?
2. Does this help to ensure equitable access for all?
3. Does this help to eliminate barriers based on gender, race/ethnicity, national origin, color, disability, age, or other protected groups?
4. Does this ensure that the same rigorous standards for academic performance exist for all students?

GTAC 2025-2026 Activities



Review and advise on GT-specific and general areas;

- Improvements towards two self-identified GT program goal areas by level **Ongoing**
- Grade-wide enrichment **Ongoing**
- GT Identification Process and Approach **Ongoing**
- Middle and High School GT programming **Ongoing**

Review and advise on Curriculum Related Topics

- School District 197 Annual Report **Ongoing**
- Legislative Requirement Changes/Implementation **March**
- Middle School Schedule Implementation **March**
- Read Act Implementation **February**
- District Strategic Framework **Ongoing**
- Implementation of district-wide grants **February**

Curriculum Review

- K-12 Math Resource Review **March**
- Secondary World Language **May**
- Secondary Counseling Review **September** **May**
- Personal Finance Course Development **February**
- Foundational Literacy Review **November**

Potential 2026 - 2027 Activities



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Curriculum Review

- Secondary World Language
- English Language Arts
- Physical Education



Questions?

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