

MIDDLETOWN AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT

SECTION: PROGRAMS

TITLE: GIFTED EDUCATION

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<p>1. Purpose Title 22 Sec. 16.1 et seq SC 1371, 1372</p> <p>2. Definition Title 22 Sec. 16.1</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">114. GIFTED EDUCATION</p> <p>The Middletown Area School District is committed to providing educational challenges for students identified as mentally gifted. The gifted program is designed to provide an opportunity for identified students to develop their skills and abilities to their greatest potential. The program will help students to develop into life-long learners in an ever-changing society.</p> <p>The gifted student is an individual who possess outstanding abilities and is capable of above average performance in some academic and/or artistic areas. The gifted program will stimulate individual interests and develop student abilities through acceleration, enrichment, independent study, and other service delivery options within the educational system.</p> <p>The Pennsylvania Department of Special Education for Gifted Students defines (Chapter 16) mentally gifted as follows:</p> <p>Mentally gifted – Outstanding intellectual and creative ability, the development of which requires specially designed programs or support services or both not ordinarily provided in the regular education program. <i>(This term includes a person who has an IQ of 130 or higher and when multiple criteria by the Department of Education indicated gifted ability. Determination of gifted ability will not be based on IQ score alone. A person with an IQ score lower then 130 may be admitted to gifted programs when other educational criteria in the profile of the person strongly indicate gifted ability. Determination of mentally gifted shall include an assessment by a certified school psychologist.)</i></p>
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