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Advisory Committee

Bland County Public Schools' Gifted Education Advisory Committee is composed of parent, school personnel and other community members.

2024- 2025 Meeting Dates:

October 28, 2024
November 25, 2024
February 24, 2024
March 24, 2025
Make-up date: April 27, 2025

Time: 4:15 pm
Location: Bland County
School Board Office

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become productive, life-long
learners and active participants
in a world-wide community.

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General Intellectual Aptitude



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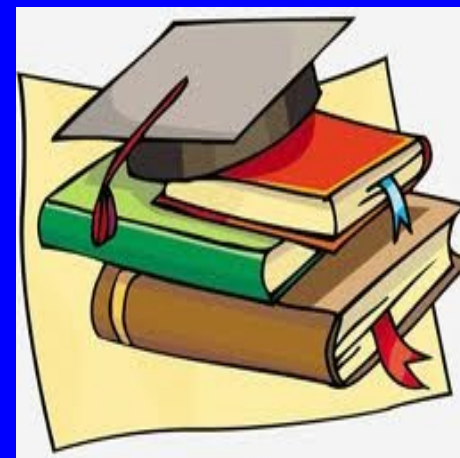
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GIFTED AND TALENTED EDUCATION PROGRAM

Bland County Public Schools has selected six major goals for the Gifted and Talented Education Program:

1. Utilize the screening and identification process to identify students with giftedness to provide enrichment activities and to meet instructional needs at all levels.
2. Provide appropriate services to students identified as gifted in grades K-12.
3. Develop appropriate curriculum and instructional programs to meet all General Intellectual Aptitude needs in grades K-12.
4. Offer professional development in the area of gifted education at the school, division and/or regional levels.
5. Continue to develop procedures as to not discriminate for identification as gifted.
6. Increase parental and community awareness of and participation in planned activities.

AREAS OF GIFTEDNESS

General Intellectual Aptitude (K-12)

Major Focus

Screening: On-going process - Making sure all students have 'opportunity' for services.

Referrals: In-school gifted coordinators solicit names from teachers. Forms for parental permission, testing, assessments, etc. are available at the school.

Identification: General Intellectual Aptitude

Eligibility: Students identified as "in need of services" following procedures as outlined in the 2018-2023 Local Plan for Gifted Education.

Focus Areas

Screening:

- Completed by teachers and the in-school gifted coordinators. Screening is an ongoing process.

Referrals:

- Can be from parents/guardians, teachers, students through self nomination/peer nomination, or professional staff members.
- 90 instructional days from referral to eligibility

Identification:

- In-School Gifted Coordinator/teachers responsible for required information
- Use of multiple criteria for Student Profile

Eligibility:

- Testing permission from parent/FORM
- School Identification Team reviews data
- 4 of 6 Measures MUST be in Superior area on Student Profile
- Determination based on identification and eligibility status
- 90 instructional days from receipt of the referral to eligible/not eligible
- Appeals Committee—from division level and includes principal, teacher and guidance counselor from school (3 professional staff members)
- Appeals Committee will notify individual requesting appeal within 30 instructional days of appeals letter.

Personnel

- Provided training in meeting needs of high-achieving learners.
- Encouraged to pursue gifted education endorsement and classes

Curriculum:

- Designed to be appropriate and differentiated to address each students' needs, abilities, characteristics and interests.
- Major focus: Modified to meet individual student needs.
- Cluster grouping
- Pull out services during school week (BCES)
- Critical thinking skills, creative thinking and independent research
- Bloom's Taxonomy of Higher Order Thinking Skills
- Governors School Programs
- Differentiation Documentation Checklist sent home at end of each semester
- Differentiation is characterized by utilizing student choice, inquiry learning, experimentation, competitions, self directed learning and advanced content.
- Compacting
- Independent Study

Please visit our Gifted and Talented Education website or the Virginia Department of Education website for upcoming events by school and links to various resources:
<http://www.bland.k12.va.us>
Click "Academics", Click "Gifted"