



## Gifted and Talented Education Programs in Montana Schools

### From The Constitution of the State of Montana

Article X, Section 1 (1) States: It is the goal of the people to establish a system of education which will develop the full educational potential of each person. Equality of educational opportunity is guaranteed to each person of the state.

**20-7-901 MCA Definitions.** As used in this part the following definitions apply:

- (1) "Gifted and talented children" means children of outstanding abilities who are capable of high performance and require differentiated educational programs beyond those normally offered in public schools in order to fully achieve their potential contribution to self and society. The children so identified include those with demonstrated achievement or potential ability in a variety of worthwhile human endeavors.

### ARM 10.55.804 GIFTED AND TALENTED

- (1) Districts shall provide educational services to gifted and talented students that are commensurate to their needs, and foster a positive self-image.

This includes student identification, challenging curriculum, preparation for teachers to serve the needs of this population, supportive services of counselors, school psychologists, program evaluation and involving parents in meaningful ways.

Programs designed to serve gifted, also referred to as “high ability/high potential students,” seek to provide appropriately challenging educational programs to develop the full potential of each student so identified.

### Montana State Funding for Gifted Education Funding (No Federal Funding)

<i>Fiscal Years</i>	<i>Yearly Grant Funding</i>	<i>Biennium Total</i>
1980-1991	\$100,000	\$200,000
1992-1993	\$276,000	\$552,000
1994-1995	\$149,250	\$298,500
1996-2005	\$150,000	\$300,000
2006-2007	\$250,000	\$500,000
2008-2009	\$1,250,000	\$2,500,000
2010-2015	\$250,000	\$500,000
2016-2017	\$250,000	\$500,000

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## Web Based Resources

[Resources for Parents, Teachers, and Administrators](#)



[Montana Association for Gifted and Talented Education](#) - Resources for Parents, Teachers, and Administrators.

[National Association of Gifted Children](#) - Resources for Parents, Teachers, and Administrators.

The "all things gifted" page - <http://www.hoagiesgifted.org/>

### Suggested Viewing:

[The Myth of Average: TEDx Sonoma County](#)

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