

**Miami-Dade County Public Schools**  
**Superintendent's District Advisory Panel for Exceptional Student Education**  
**Gifted Sub-Committee – Minutes from December 7, 2020 meeting**

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**Discussion Items**

**Gifted Program 2020-2021 Updates Presentation**

- ✓ Enrollment data: As of October 2020, there were 39,156 students participating in the gifted program, which is 11.7% of MDCPS students.
- ✓ Professional development virtual sessions: As of July 2020, 375 teachers of the gifted and support staff have attended sessions focused on teaching methods and strategies, using enrichment materials, and understanding the gifted referral process, especially for under-represented students.
- ✓ Endorsement courses virtual/online offerings: Because all teachers of the gifted must meet the highly qualified certification requirements, the District offers the five required courses through its Center for Professional Learning and through partners Beacon Educator and Florida Diagnostic and Learning Resource System South.
- ✓ Curriculum resources: To assist teachers of the gifted in finding and using appropriate acceleration and enrichment resources, Microsoft Teams were created at the elementary, middle, and senior high school levels.

**Goals for the 2020-2021 School Year**

- ✓ Provide professional development to assist teachers in identifying gifted students via a virtual setting
- ✓ Provide professional development on instructional resources and strategies to implement in a virtual/distance learning gifted setting
- ✓ Share important gifted updates and information with the district/MDCC PTA and Office of Parental Involvement to be included in their newsletter for parents

**Next meeting will be held Monday, February 8, 2021 at 10:00 AM via Zoom**