

Miami-Dade County Public Schools
Superintendent's District Advisory Panel for Exceptional Student Education
Gifted Sub-Committee – Minutes from April 7, 2022 meeting

Attendees:

Via Zoom: Lisette Rodriguez, Maria Sellek, Jeannette Macias, Maria Ratti

In-person: Karen Marsh

Discussion Items

- Update for Goal 1: The ESE Panel Gifted Sub-committee supports increasing identification of students in gifted education.
 - In February and March 2022, over 150 visits to Gifted programs were conducted, and assistance with referrals, curriculum & instruction, and programming was provided.
- Update for Goal 2: The ESE Panel Gifted Sub-committee supports professional development for teachers of the gifted on instructional resources and strategies to address the needs of gifted learners.
 - In February, nine professional development sessions on Gifted education were held for all principals and assistant principals.
 - Professional development on the Gifted Program was held in April for all school psychologists. Testing protocols and the District Strategic Plan as it relates to Gifted were reviewed.
 - June 2022 PD offerings will include the full suite of Gifted endorsement courses to help prepare teachers to teach gifted students and will include face-to-face courses that will be held in both the North and South, virtual courses instructed by experienced M-DCPS teachers of the gifted, and self-paced online courses offered through Beacon Educator.
- Update for Goal 3: The ESE Panel Gifted Sub-committee will share important gifted updates and information, with an emphasis on social/emotional development, with parents.
 - In March, Advanced Academics collaborated with the Title I Neighborhood Resource Center to present a webinar detailing the menu of available gifted and Advanced Academics options for students in K-12.
 - FLAG Annual Conference was held on-line March 5 and 6. A variety of sessions were recorded and are available for viewing.
 - South Florida Gifted and Talented Symposium will be held Saturday, May 7, 2022 at Dillard High School in Broward County.
- Attendees were thanked for serving as members of the sub-committee, providing valuable input and support, and regularly attending meetings.