

Miami-Dade County Public Schools
Superintendent's District Advisory Panel for Exceptional Student Education
Gifted Sub-Committee Meeting Minutes
October 18, 2023

Attendees:

Via Zoom: Isabel De la Torre, Jeannette Macias, Ischaji Robertson

In-person: Beverly Heller, Maria Sellek, Karen Marsh, Tiombe Kendrick-Dunn, Annabelle Moldovan, Nicole Flores, Andrea Sanchez, Cossette Torres, Dana Agramonte, Karen Muñoz, Marsha Francois, Lisette, Jillian Delisle, Gabriela Gonzalez, and Ashley Navarrete.

Discussion Items:

- Introductions: M-DCPS Psychology Interns for 2023-2024 participated in the meeting to learn more about the gifted program.
- Gifted Enrollment Trends were shared. Gifted enrollment has increased by approximately 750 students from October 2022 FTE to October 2023 FTE.
- Gifted Referral Data for 2022-2023 was shared. Over 8,000 students were referred for the gifted program.
 - 1,700 students were English Language Learners ELL at the time of referral.
 - Almost 600 were ELL students who are no longer receiving ESOL instruction.
 - About 4,400 were economically disadvantaged students.
- The 2023 NNAT-3 Administration is scheduled to be administered November 7-14, 2023. This is the third time the test will be given. All first-graders are screened for possible gifted referral using this instrument.
- Subcommittee Goals were reviewed, and 2023-2024 goals were developed.
- NAGC Conference and Learning Opportunities for Educators and Parents/Community Members were shared.

- Future meetings were tentatively scheduled as follows:
 - Wednesday, December 13, 2023 at 10:00 AM
 - Thursday, February 22, 2024 at 10:00 AM
 - Thursday, April 18, 2024 at 10:00 AM

- Advanced Academics staff was asked to provide an overview of the Teaching Enrichment Activities Mindfully (TEAM) Program. Staff explained that TEAM is designed to provide instruction of higher-order thinking skills in a self-contained elementary classroom setting. The program integrates thinking skills within all subject areas to develop skills needed for a successful academic experience. Vocabulary, Growth Mindset, and Habits of Mind are also emphasized in daily instruction.