

**Miami-Dade County Public Schools**  
**Superintendent's District Advisory Panel for Exceptional Student Education**  
**Gifted Sub-Committee**

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**Minutes from February 2, 2023 Meeting**

**Attendees:**

*Via Zoom:* Isabel De la Torre

*In-person:* Beverly Heller, Maria Ratti, Jeannette Macias, Maria Sellek, Karen Marsh

**Discussion Items:**

- Updates on Goal 1: The ESE Panel Gifted Sub-Committee supports increasing identification of underrepresented students in gifted education.
  - Gifted enrollment statistics and trends by ethnicity, language, socio-economic status, and region were shared.
  - Gifted student participation in high school advanced academic programs such as Advanced Placement, International Baccalaureate, Cambridge, and Dual Enrollment were provided to committee members.
  - Ms. Ratti requested data on twice-exceptional students.
- Updates on Goal 2: The ESE Panel Gifted Sub-Committee supports professional development for teachers of the gifted, administrators, and staff members on instructional resources and strategies to address the needs of gifted learners.
  - Sessions and outreach to teachers, administrators, and school staff focusing on identifying and referring gifted students were shared.
- Updates on Goal 3: The ESE Panel Gifted Sub-Committee will share important gifted updates and information, with an emphasis on social/emotional development, with parents, school staff, and community members.
  - An **NAACP Miami Education Matters** Webinar session focused on the Gifted Program in Miami-Dade County Public Schools was held on January 19, 2023. Parents and community members attended via Zoom and Facebook Live and were able to ask questions about the Gifted Program.
  - House Bill 303 regarding the Advanced Placement Capstone Program and the Florida Bright Futures Scholarship Program was filed.
  - The Department of Advanced Academic Programs is collaborating with the Parent Academy to provide sessions in English, Spanish, and Haitian-Creole in March.
- Future Meeting Date is April 6, 2023.
- Closing remarks