

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

Minutes from April 6, 2023 Meeting

Attendees:

Via Zoom: Isabel De la Torre, Karen Marsh

In-person: Beverly Heller, Maria Sellek, Jeannette Macias

Discussion Items

- Updates on Goal 1: The ESE Panel Gifted Sub-Committee supports increasing identification of underrepresented students in gifted education.
 - Gifted referral data by Region. Over 6,500 referrals were submitted as of March 2023.
 - Demographics of Gifted referrals were shared. Twenty-one percent of students referred are receiving ESOL services.
 - Currently, over 2,300 gifted students have a Section 504 plan.
 - About 1,200 students are twice-exceptional (2E) and receive both Gifted and Exceptional Student Educational services.
 - The largest sub-group of 2E students is Autism Spectrum Disorder.

- 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.
 - Over 40 sessions have been offered as of March 31, 2023.
 - Sessions include full-day, half-day, and micro-learning sessions.
 - Full-day sessions will be offered in June in the districts week long Summer Heat Professional Learning. Session topics include: Science enrichment, Math enrichment, Critical Reading, TEAM Program, and Problem-Based Learning.

- 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.
 - Upcoming webinars hosted by the Renzulli Center for Creativity, Gifted Education, and Talent Development were shared.