



Update on Gifted Funding and Reform

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Major Gifted Education Changes House Bill 1

Gifted Unit Funds – Out

OEBM Gifted Formula – In

Transitional aid and ESC aid – In



New OEBM Gifted Formula

The gifted education support component is built on four factors:

- 1) Gifted identification factor
- 2) Gifted coordinator factor
- 3) Gifted intervention specialist factor
- 4) Gifted professional development factor



Gifted Identification Factor

- Gifted ID Funds = \$5 x District ADM x State Share
- Gifted ID Factor is fully funded in FY2010
- Gifted ID Funds will be included in the gifted formula line AT on the new PASS form.



Gifted Coordinator Factor

- Based on the gifted operating standards ratio of 2500:1.
- Funded at a level of \$66,375 for FY2010 and \$67,660 for FY2011
- Fully funded in FY2010
- Education Challenge Factor (ECF) is not applied to the gifted coordinator factor



Gifted Intervention Specialist Factor

- Based on the OEBM organizational units – one GIS is allocated to each organizational unit.
- Funded at the same level as the core teacher factor of \$56,902 for FY2010 and \$57,812 for FY2011
- Funded is phased in at a level of .2 for FY2010, .3 for FY2011, .4 for FY2012/13, .6 for FY2014/15, and .8 for FY2016/17. Fully funded in FY2018
- The ECF is applied to the gifted intervention specialist factor



Gifted Professional Development Factor

- Each gifted intervention specialist is allocated \$1833 for professional development.
- Funded is phased in at the same level as the gifted intervention specialist factor at a level of .2 for FY2010, .3 for FY2011, .4 for FY2012/13, .6 for FY2014/15, and .8 for FY2016/17. Fully funded in FY2018.
- The phased-in amount is \$366.60 in FY2010 and \$549.90 in FY2011.



Other Gifted Funding Provisions

- While the OEBM gifted component will officially be implemented in FY2012, districts are expected to use this biennium as a transitional period.
- All districts must spend to the FY2009 level of funding, whether they received direct gifted unit funding in FY2009 or indirectly if they allocated their ADM to ESCs.
- No district will receive Coordinator or GIS funding if they do not submit an annual plan or identify gifted students in the district.



Other Gifted Funding Provisions (cont'd)

- 15% of the GIS factor can be used for content and other specialists who provide gifted services (e.g. art and music teachers)
- Gifted operating standards are still in effect.
- Districts will be required to account for each factor the gifted education component by July 1, 2011.
- No districts will receive a waiver to this provision.



ESC Funding for Gifted Funding

- Gifted units are out. However, ESCs will receive the same level of gifted unit funding that they received in FY2009 or \$8.1 million.
- This funding is meant to be transitional. As districts receive more gifted funding, ESCs are unlikely to receive direct state funding for gifted services after this bienenium.
- Despite popular rumors, the \$8.1 million was *not* vetoed.



ESC Funding for Gifted Funding con'td

- Many questions remain unanswered about the ESC gifted funding:
- How will the funds be allocated?
 - What happens if the funds aren't used for gifted staff?
 - What will the accountability be for the funds?
 - What if districts no longer want gifted services from the ESC?
 - What will the accountability be for districts no longer receiving gifted ESC services.



ESC Funding for Gifted Funding cont'd

- FY2010/FY2011 should be used as a time for ESCs to plan for the next biennium.
- Will the ESC continue to offer gifted services?
 - Will the services offered be different?
 - Is there a way to market the value of gifted services to districts as the state funding to ESCs is phased out?
 - If an ESC decides to eliminate gifted services, gifted staff should be informed in time to move to a district.



Other Gifted Provisions in HB1

- Gifted Funding will be reviewed by the Ohio Funding Advisory Committee.
- A Gifted Performance Indicator will be developed by December 31, 2011.
- The funding for the Summer Honors Institutes, including the Martin Essex School was eliminated for FY2010/FY2011.



Other Provisions in HB1 that Affect Gifted Children

- Districts may waive the 8th grade U.S. history requirement.
- High school credit for students below the 9th grade is clarified.
- A video distance learning project is funded to develop online Advanced Placement (AP) coursework.
- The Ohio Graduation Test (OGT) will be replaced by a college readiness examination. End of course exams will be developed.
- The military compact includes provisions for gifted students.



Many Questions Still Unanswered about the New Gifted Funding Provisions.

- ODE's FAQ on gifted funding will be available soon.
- A follow-up document will also be developed.
- OAGC is collecting questions from the field and has requested that the Gifted Advisory Council be revitalized.
- What are your questions? Send them to me at anngift@aol.com

