



STATE OF NEW JERSEY
DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

A Memo from the New Jersey Department of Education

Date: October 20, 2021
To: Chief School Administrators, Charter School and Renaissance School Project Leads
Route To: Principals, Supervisors of Gifted and Talented Education Programs, Teachers
From: Kathy Ehling, Assistant Commissioner
Division of Educational Services
Deadline: November 30, 2021

Action Required: Gifted and Talented Report Submission

This memorandum reminds all districts of the reporting requirements set forth in the Strengthening Gifted and Talented Education Act and notifies districts that are scheduled for the 2021-2022 New Jersey Quality Single Accountability Continuum (NJQSAC) comprehensive review that they must submit an updated Gifted and Talented Report to NJ Homeroom by **November 30, 2021**.

Background

On January 13, 2020, Governor Phil Murphy signed the [Strengthening Gifted and Talented Education Act](#). Pursuant to this law and as outlined in an [August 20, 2020 Broadcast](#), each school district was required to submit:

- Through NJ Homeroom, information about its gifted and talented students by October 1, 2020 and then on a schedule that coincides with their comprehensive NJQSAC review; and
- Through NJ SMART, relevant student and staff data for the annual SID and SMID data collections.

The initial report and all updated reports must be submitted through a template in the NJDOE [Homeroom](#) portal and must include the following information:

- A brief description of the gifted and talented continuum of services, policies, and procedures implemented in the school district for students in kindergarten through grade 12;
- The professional development opportunities provided for teachers, educational services staff, and school leaders about gifted and talented students, their needs, and educational development;
- The link to the website with detailed information regarding the policies and procedures used to identify students as gifted and talented and the continuum of services offered to gifted and talented students. The information on the website shall include the criteria used for determining eligibility for the gifted and talented services, including the multiple measures used in the identification process, and any applicable timelines in the identification process; and
- The link to the website with the school district's complaint policy on gifted and talented education.

Contact Information

For more information regarding gifted and talented requirements see the New Jersey Department of Education [Gifted and Talented Education webpage](#). Questions should be directed to the New Jersey Coordinator for Gifted and Talented Education at gifted@doe.nj.gov.

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