



STATE OF NEW JERSEY

# DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

A Memo from the New Jersey Department of Education

Date: September 6, 2023  
To: Local Educational Agency Leads  
Route To: Principals, Supervisors of Gifted and Talented Education Programs  
From: Jordan Schiff, Ed.D., Assistant Commissioner  
Division of Teaching and Learning Services  
Deadline: October 1, 2023

## Action Required: Gifted and Talented Education Service Report Submission

This memorandum reminds all districts scheduled for the 2023-2024 New Jersey Quality Single Accountability Continuum (NJQSAC) comprehensive review (Cohort 2) that, according to the ["Strengthening Gifted and Talented Education Act" \(P.L.2019, c.338\)](#), districts must submit an updated Gifted and Talented Education Service Report in the New Jersey Department of Education (NJDOE) Homeroom by **October 1, 2023**.

### Report Content

To ensure compliance with the Law, all reports must be submitted through a template in the NJDOE [Homeroom](#) portal and must include updates to the initial Gifted and Talented Education Service Report in the following areas:

- 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;
- Detailed information available on the school district website 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.

### NJSMART Data

Pursuant to this law, **all** school districts are required to upload relevant student and staff data for the annual Student Identifier (SID) and Staff Member Identifier (SMID) data collection through NJSMART.

### Contact information

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

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