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Gifted and Talented Trial Placement Policy Academically Gifted and Talented Programs

State Board of Education Regulation 43:220 GIFTED AND TALENTED (II.8.b.) allows for the Evaluation Placement Team to place a child in the academically gifted and talented program on a trial basis. Trial placement is an option for districts that wish to allow students who do not meet the state criteria to participate in state-funded gifted classes if space is available.

A waiver in the class size (pupil/teacher ratio) will not be granted to allow for the trial placement of students.

Consistent criteria for trial placement must be established in writing and adhered to by the local district. In addition, the local district must establish in writing the length of the trial placement period and the criteria for satisfactory progress during that period.

Trial placement may involve at least one semester but not more than one year. Students whose progress within the gifted and talented program at the end of the trial placement is not deemed adequate by the Evaluation/Placement Team may be withdrawn from the program.

All guidelines and procedures related to trial placement must be communicated to the students proposed for trial placement and to their parent(s) prior to entry into the gifted and talented program.

Students enrolled in the gifted and talented program through trial placement must not be counted for state funding.