

Siuslaw School District 97J

Special Programs Department: Talented and Gifted Services

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What are Siuslaw School District's Talented and Gifted (TAG) Services?

Siuslaw School District provides talented and gifted (TAG) services for students that excel academically and are performing beyond their peers. It is our goal to identify, challenge and encourage these students by providing instruction at the student's rate and level of learning. These services are provided in the classroom, by the classroom teachers.

Some of the instructional services and strategies available include: subject acceleration, compacting assignments, cluster grouping with peers of similar abilities, tiered lessons, higher level questioning, and independent study projects.

Students in grades K-8 have an individualized TAG plan developed by a team including the parent(s) or guardian(s), the student, the teachers, and the TAG coordinator. The plan includes the student's strengths and interests, recent assessment scores, instructional strategies used in each subject, and any social or emotional goals (if needed). Students in grades 9-12 are typically recommended for honors classes and can request a meeting to write an individualized TAG plan or annual goals. Enrichment opportunities will be shared with students and families through TAG newsletters and Parent Square messages.

To evaluate a student for TAG services, a staff member or parent will fill out a referral form, and the TAG coordinator will administer an IQ test (with parent permission). Work samples, test scores, a parent survey, and a student interview will also be used in the identification process. Students are most commonly identified as: intellectually gifted, academically talented in math, and/or academically talented in reading.

More information about the Siuslaw TAG program can be found online at:

<https://www.siuslaw.k12.or.us/page/talented-and-gifted-tag>