

Gifted Education in PA

Spring 2021

Updates from the Gifted Education in PA team:

The Gifted Ed in PA Team has been busy since the last newsletter was sent in December. Here is what's new:

- **Gifted Ed in PA Webinars** - We had a statewide webinar in January with another one being offered in April. The recording of the webinar and the transcript of the questions and answers can be found at:

- [January transcript](#)
- [January webinar recording](#)

- **Remake Learning** - The Gifted Team is partnering with PAGE to offer a gifted showcase for Remake Learning Days in May! More information about that is shared below.

Please contact us, or your [Intermediate Unit Gifted Liaison](#), if you need training or support. We are here to help!

Gifted in PA Survey

On behalf of the Gifted in PA State Team, we would like to thank you for your tireless efforts to deliver critical instruction and services throughout this past year. It has been a privilege to partner with you to build resiliency in our school communities.

As we reflect on the year that has passed and prepare for the work ahead, we hope to learn from you and your experiences. We have prepared a brief survey to gather information about your experiences with gifted and the state team. We honor your time and have therefore streamlined the survey to take only five minutes of your time. We encourage you to be candid, as we have not asked for any identifying information and will keep the responses confidential. The insights that you provide will be used to develop content of upcoming professional development and resource sharing to meet your needs. You can access the survey at [this link](#). It will be open for responses until May 1st. If you have any questions about the survey, please contact Patrice Semicek via email at psemicek@mciu.org. We are grateful for your partnership!

Compliance Corner



What date should be used as the Implementation Date in a GIEP?

§ 16.62. Consent

(5) The parents shall have 10-calendar days to respond to a notice of recommended assignment sent by mail or 5 calendar days to respond to a notice presented in person at the conclusion of a GIEP conference. If the parents receive the notice in person and approve the recommended assignment within 5-calendar days, the school district may not implement the GIEP for at least 5-calendar days, to give the parents an opportunity to notify the district within the 5-day period of a decision to revoke the previous approval of the recommended assignment.

One Exception- if a student is dually exceptional- Chapter 14 takes precedence and the implementation date will follow Chapter 14 regulations.

Good News in Gifted

Remake Learning Days - Gifted Education in PA Showcase

Do you have good news to share? We are looking for students or teachers to share the great things that they are doing in gifted education. Please [fill out this form](#) if you would like to have your student or program highlighted. These sessions will be presented as part of [Remake Learning Days](#) in May.



Join the gifted team from the Pennsylvania Department of Education, along with the [Pennsylvania Association for Gifted Education \(PAGE\)](#), as we highlight and celebrate the amazing things happening in gifted education in the state. Hear how our schools are meeting the needs of our gifted students, and hear from those students about the importance of gifted education in their lives. And, the hosts of the session will share resources and opportunities that are open to teachers, families and students.

Two sessions to choose from:

May 12 at 10am

May 13 at 6pm

[Register for a session here.](#)

Upcoming Events and Programs

Gifted Education in Pennsylvania Webinars

Join the PA Gifted Education team to hear information on the state of gifted education, answers to common questions and online resources. Shirley Moyer, Amy Davis and Patrice Semicek will be providing an overview of gifted education in the state of Pennsylvania. The most common questions asked about gifted education will be shared and answered. The team will also answer, "Is it compliance, or is it best practice?" and they will share valuable online resources.

Each webinar will include up to date information, resources, and answers to common questions. Some of the content may be repeated. Sessions will be recorded.

Two upcoming webinars:

April 7 at 10am and 2pm

[Register today!](#)

Pennsylvania Association for Gifted Education Annual Conference

The 2021 Annual Conference will be held on November 4th & 5th, 2021 at the Pittsburgh Marriott North, Cranberry Township, PA.

[Registration is now open!](#)

We hope to see you there!

Gifted Education Frequently Asked Questions

Do I have to write a GIEP for a senior who is graduating?

If the GIEP would be due less than 30 days before graduation, you do not need to write a GIEP.

If the GIEP is due more than 30 days before graduation, you will need to write a new GIEP or do a reevaluation to exit the student.

Share your good news!

Send us events, resources or articles related to gifted education. We love pictures and links that will provide more information. We will share these in future newsletters. Please send to [Amy Davis](#) or [Patrice Semicek](#).

For those of you that share your gifted news on Twitter, use #giftedinpa.





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