

Funding for Gifted and Talented Education (GATE)

Commission on School Funding

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Gifted and Talented Education

- Background
 - Initially funded in FY17, for \$5,174,243 (SB 515)
 - FY 18: \$6,374,243
 - FY 19: \$8,272,711
- Currently Funded through: Other State Education Programs Account (SB 555)
 - FY 20: \$8,274,243.00
 - FY 21: \$8,274,243.00

Distribution Methodology: GATE funds

Established:

- By July 1 of each year, NDE must determine the number of eligible pupils in each public school.
- Eligible students include (SB 555):
 - Pupils who have been identified as gifted and talented through a state-approved identification procedure
 - Participation in not less than 150 minutes per week of differentiated educational activities, unless the pupil's individualized education program otherwise provides
 - Teacher providing differentiated educational activities must possess a current State of Nevada Teaching License with an endorsement for Gifted and Talented Education.

Allowable uses of funds:

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The money for pupils enrolled in school districts and charter schools who qualify for gifted and talented education programs:

- Must be used to support the provision of gifted and talented programs and services.
- Must not be used to settle or arbitrate disputes between a recognized organization representing employees of a school district and the school district, or to settle any negotiations.
- Must not be used to adjust the district-wide schedules of salaries and benefits of the employees of a school district.

School Districts and Charter Schools Receiving GATE Funds FY20:

- Carson City
- Clark
- Douglas
- Elko
- Lyon
- Washoe
- SPCSA
 - Doral Academy
 - Pinecrest Academy
 - Nevada Connections Academy

Number of Students Served: GATE

- Actual number of students for FY20: 9,696
- Based on the October 1, 2018 Validation day count for Gifted and Talented students who meet the three criteria outlined in SB 555.