

# What Louisiana Does Right for Gifted Education...Information Parents in Louisiana Need to Know

The state of Louisiana has a comprehensive plan for meeting the needs of gifted and talented students in K-12 schools. This is something we are doing right!

Below you will find a list of the state mandates addressing how students are identified for gifted and talented services, how these students are served in the state of Louisiana, and who can serve as the teachers of gifted and talented students. The following information provides background knowledge every parent needs about how students with gifts and talents gain access to services in Louisiana ((from the Louisiana Department of Education - LADOE – Louisiana Believes) webpage).

- Overview of gifted programming in the State of Louisiana  
READ MORE: [https://www.louisianabelieves.com/docs/academics/backgrounder---overview-of-gifted-program.pdf?sfvrsn=4b565a9b\\_2](https://www.louisianabelieves.com/docs/academics/backgrounder---overview-of-gifted-program.pdf?sfvrsn=4b565a9b_2)
  
- Rights of gifted and talented children  
READ MORE: [https://www.louisianabelieves.com/docs/default-source/academics/gifted-students-rights-handbook.pdf?sfvrsn=aea68b1f\\_2](https://www.louisianabelieves.com/docs/default-source/academics/gifted-students-rights-handbook.pdf?sfvrsn=aea68b1f_2)
  
- Mandates for a student showing qualities of giftedness have the opportunity to be screened for possible gifted identification when referred by a parent or educator
  - Gifted Program taken from BULLETIN 1508
    - **Definition** - Gifted children and youth are those who demonstrate abilities that give evidence of high performance in academic and intellectual aptitude.  
READ MORE: [https://www.louisianabelieves.com/docs/academics/policy---excerpt-from-bulletin-1508-about-gifted-and-talented.pdf?sfvrsn=dbd284b0\\_2](https://www.louisianabelieves.com/docs/academics/policy---excerpt-from-bulletin-1508-about-gifted-and-talented.pdf?sfvrsn=dbd284b0_2)

- Mandates for educational program services provided to students identified as gifted and talented.
  - Students who demonstrate high academic and intellectual aptitude or possess extraordinary talent in the visual or performing arts may be eligible for differentiated instruction. To achieve their academic potential, gifted students may be offered opportunities to master more rigorous content at an accelerated pace of instruction than their peers. Highly talented students may need additional educational support to pursue their art.
  - Schools provide a personal written plan, called an Individualized Education Program, for every student who meets the criteria for gifted and talented classification. This web-based plan includes personal academic goals and additional services that will be provided to the student, as well as other information that impacts the academic performance of the student.  
READ MORE: <https://www.louisianabelieves.com/academics/gifted-and-talented-students>
  
- Mandates requiring teachers of the gifted hold an advanced degree to teach GT students (Masters in Gifted Education or Masters in an education field + gifted certification masters level courses).
  - **Requirements for Talent Teachers:**  
[https://www.louisianabelieves.com/docs/academics/backgrounder---certification-of-talented-teachers.pdf?sfvrsn=374f99a7\\_2](https://www.louisianabelieves.com/docs/academics/backgrounder---certification-of-talented-teachers.pdf?sfvrsn=374f99a7_2)
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## **Association of Gifted and Talented Students in Louisiana (AGTSLA)**

- The Association for Gifted and Talented (AGTSLA) has revitalized our website with a target activation date of Summer 2020. This summer, AGTSLA will have a current and active webpage to help keep parents, educators, counselors, and the community informed. Our goal is to help advocate the needs of gifted and talented students and those with gifted potential. This organization can help bring people together to voice triumphs and concerns on behalf of gifted students. Increasing membership helps to raise awareness as more voices bring more attention. Visit our webpage, [www.agtslouisiana.org](http://www.agtslouisiana.org), for more information.

## The Louisiana State Board of Elementary and Secondary Education (BESE) Board

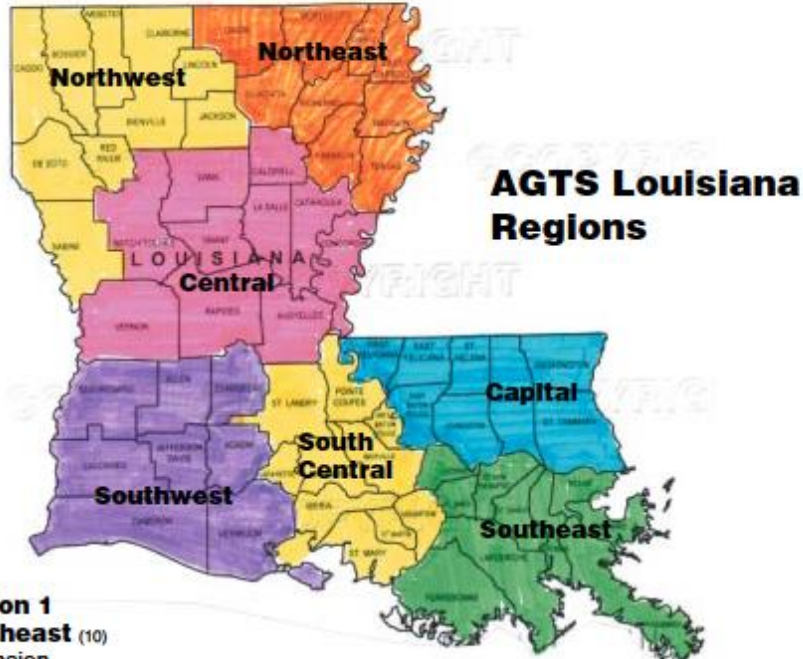
Currently, we are at an important crossroads for gifted education in our state.

- We have a new State Superintendent of Education, Cade Brumley.
- There are new members on the Louisiana State Board of Elementary and Secondary Education (BESE). New members are noted by an Asterisk (\*) before their name.

For District information see the BESE Board Regional map on the next page.

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## Regional Map of the Louisiana State Board of Elementary and Secondary Education (BESE) Board



- Region 1**  
**Southeast** (10)  
 Ascension  
 Jefferson  
 Lafourche  
 Orleans  
 Plaquemine  
 St. Bernard  
 St. Charles  
 St. James  
 St. John the Baptist  
 Terrebonne

- Region 2**  
**Capital** (11)  
 East Baton Rouge  
 East Feliciana  
 Livingston  
 St. Helena  
 St. Tammany  
 Tangipahoa  
 Washington  
 West Feliciana  
 Baker City  
 Bogalusa City  
 Zachary City

- Region 3**  
**Southwest** (8)  
 Allen  
 Acadia  
 Beauregard  
 Calcasieu  
 Cameron  
 Evangeline  
 Jefferson Davis  
 Vermillion

- Region 4**  
**South Central** (9)  
 Assumption  
 Lafayette  
 Pointe Coupee  
 St. Landry  
 St. Martin  
 St. Mary  
 Iberia  
 Iberville  
 West Baton Rouge

- Region 5**  
**Central** (10)  
 Avoyelles  
 Calahoula  
 Caldwell  
 Concordia  
 Grant  
 LaSalle  
 Natchitoches  
 Rapides  
 Vernon  
 Winn

- Region 6**  
**Northwest** (10)  
 Bienville  
 Bossier  
 Caddo  
 Claiborne  
 DeSoto  
 Jackson  
 Lincoln  
 Red River  
 Sabine  
 Webster

- Region 7**  
**Northeast** (10)  
 East Carroll  
 Franklin  
 Madison  
 Morehouse  
 Ouachita  
 Richland  
 Tensas  
 Union  
 West Carroll  
 Monroe City