

Gifted Education in Illinois

1999 School Year

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The following tables represent selected results collected from school districts with Gifted programs. In some cases, comparisons are made with total state information.

786	Districts (and Joint Agreements) provided information about their Gifted program
158,664	Students received Gifted services (99.2% of identified Gifted students; 7.9% of all Illinois students)
682	Districts (of 786, or 86.8 %) offer an Elementary program
635	Districts (80.8%) offer a Middle School program
394	Districts (50.1%) offer a High School program
160,001	Students were identified as Gifted, out of ...
2,011,530	Students in the state (8.0% of all Illinois students)
92,612	Students were identified for General Intellectual Ability
67,389	Students were identified for a Specific Aptitude or Talent
4,005	Professional staff have completed 3 semester or 4 quarter hours of college credit in Gifted education
5,445	Professional staff have completed the approved Institute training
4,887	Professional staff have documented teaching experience to qualify for Gifted Education Program reimbursement
3,961	Professional staff have received training related to Gifted Education through an ISC or ROE this school year

Table 1. Gifted Students in Illinois by Gender.

	Number of Gifted Students	Percent of Gifted Students	State Total	State Percent
Female	83,240	52.5	973,451	48.4
Male	75,424	47.5	1,038,079	51.6
Total			2,011,530	

Table 2. Gifted Students in Illinois by Race/Ethnic Classification.

	Number of Gifted Students	Percent of Gifted Students	State Total	State Percent
Amer. Indian	219	0.1	3,054	0.2
Asian	9,453	6.0	63,990	3.2
Black	18,828	11.9	429,736	21.4
Hispanic	10,802	6.8	279,717	13.9
White	119,362	75.2	1,235,033	61.4
Total			2,011,530	

Statistically significantly greater numbers of Asian and Pacific Island students and White students received gifted education services. Black and Hispanic students are under represented in the Illinois Gifted programs. ($\chi^2 = 13.345$, $df = 4$, $p = .0097$).

Table 3. Gifted Students in Illinois by Grade Level.

	Number of Gifted Students	Percent of Gifted Students	State Total	State Percent
K	1,324	0.8	150,953	7.5
First	4,874	3.1	162,128	8.1
Second	8,640	5.4	160,498	8.0
Third	12,499	7.9	165,485	8.2
Fourth	13,706	8.6	152,841	7.6
Fifth	14,735	9.3	149,279	7.4
Sixth	15,266	9.6	151,150	7.5
Seventh	15,883	10.0	148,980	7.4
Eighth	17,182	10.8	148,894	7.4
Ninth	12,917	8.1	161,111	8.0
Tenth	12,689	8.0	140,486	7.0
Eleventh	13,764	8.7	129,037	6.4
Twelfth	15,183	9.6	127,506	6.3
Ungraded	2	0.001	63,182	3.1

Gifted education in Illinois tends to be concentrated in intermediate grades and above. These differences may depend on identification and placement by various grades; educators in the primary grades may not have adequate identification or assessment procedures.

High School Gifted Education

Table 4a. Types of High School Programs Offered by Districts.

	Number	Percent
Self Contained	134	34.0
Pull Out	65	16.5
Within Regular	253	64.2
Total (unduplicated)	394	
Hours per week for typical gifted student	5.3 (5 hrs 18 min)	

Table 4b. Areas of Learning in Gifted Education Offered at the High School Level.

	Number of Districts	Percent of Districts	Number of Students
Language Arts	302	76.6	31,503
Mathematics	319	81.0	29,246
Biological Science	274	69.5	25,531
Social Science	228	57.9	20,654
Fine Arts	171	43.4	6,649
Physical Development	71	18.0	9,294
Foreign Language	131	33.2	10,647
Multi-Disciplinary	117	30.0	5,308

Middle School Gifted Education

Table 5a. Types of Middle School Programs Offered by Districts.

	Number	Percent
Self Contained	155	24.4
Pull Out	279	43.9
Within Regular	369	58.1
Total (unduplicated)	635	
Hours per week for typical gifted student	5.6 (5 hrs 36 min)	

**Table 5b. Areas of Learning in Gifted Education Offered
at the Middle School Level.**

	Number of Districts	Percent of Districts	Number of Students
Language Arts	457	72.0	23,106
Mathematics	472	74.3	23,405
Biological Science	299	47.1	13,112
Social Science	259	40.8	12,401
Fine Arts	155	24.4	4,899
Physical Development	67	10.6	5,238
Foreign Language	41	6.5	2,230
Multi-Disciplinary	227	35.7	9,641

Elementary School Gifted Education

Table 6a. Types of Elementary School Programs Offered by Districts.

	Number	Percent
Self Contained	57	8.4
Pull Out	431	63.2
Within Regular	375	55.0
Total (unduplicated)	682	
Hours per week for typical gifted student	6.2 (6 hrs 12 min)	

**Table 6b. Areas of Learning in Gifted Education Offered
at the Elementary School Level.**

	Number of Districts	Percent of Districts	Number of Students
Language Arts	462	67.7	35,554
Mathematics	437	64.1	30,078
Biological Science	266	39.0	16,774
Social Science	254	37.2	17,317
Fine Arts	179	26.2	13,301
Physical Development	73	10.7	13,696
Foreign Language	39	5.7	4,321
Multi-Disciplinary	311	45.6	21,203