

Gifted Education in Illinois

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On the following pages are selected results collected from school districts with Gifted programs. In some cases, comparisons are made with total state information.

807	Districts (and Joint Agreements) provided information about their Gifted program
161,638	Students received Gifted services (99.1% of identified Gifted students; 7.7% of all Illinois students)
698	Districts (of 807, or 86.5 %) offer an elementary program
652	Districts (80.8%) offer a middle school program
394	Districts (48.8%) offer a high school program
163,258	Students were identified as Gifted
2,048,792	Total students in the state (8.0% of all students identified as Gifted)
95,496	Students were identified for General Intellectual Ability
67,762	Students were identified for a Specific Aptitude or Talent
3,996	Professional staff have completed three semester or four quarter hours of college credit in Gifted education
6,296	Professional staff have completed the approved Institute training
4,711	Professional staff have documented teaching experience to qualify for Gifted Education Program reimbursement
3,835	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	85,168	52.7%	992,400	48.4%
Male	76,470	47.3%	1,056,392	51.6%
Total	161,638		2,048,792	

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

	Number of Gifted Students	Percent of Gifted Students	State Total	State Percent
AmerIndian	238	0.1%	3,474	0.2%
Asian	9,932	6.1%	68,796	3.3%
Black	18,981	11.7%	315,446	15.4%
Hispanic	11,166	6.9%	436,568	21.3%
White	121,321	75.1%	1,224,508	59.8%
Total	161,638		2,048,792	

Table 3. Gifted Students in Illinois by Grade Level.

	Number of Gifted Students	Percent of Gifted Students
K*	1,855	1.1%
First	5,550	3.4%
Second	8,298	5.1%
Third	12,223	7.6%
Fourth	13,777	8.5%
Fifth	14,684	9.1%
Sixth	15,175	9.4%
Seventh	16,114	10.0%
Eighth	16,517	10.2%
Ninth	13,172	8.1%
Tenth	13,686	8.5%
Eleventh	14,783	9.1%
Twelfth	15,799	9.8%
Ungraded	5	0.003%
Total	161,638	

* Includes Pre-Kindergarten, Pre-K Bilingual, and Pre-K Special Education.

High School Gifted Education

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

	Number	Percent
Self Contained	142	36.0%
Pull Out	57	14.5%
Within Regular	272	69.0%
Total (unduplicated)	394	
Hours per week for typical gifted student	6.54	
(6 hours, 32 minutes)		

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	316	80.2%	32,649
Mathematics	324	82.2%	29,110
Biological Science	290	73.6%	27,438
Social Science	238	60.4%	22,405
Fine Arts	175	44.4%	7,958
Physical Development	79	20.1%	9,393
Foreign Language	130	33.0%	11,012
Multi-Disciplinary	103	26.1%	6,118

Middle School Gifted Education

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

	Number	Percent
Self Contained	174	26.7%
Pull Out	394	60.4%
Within Regular	362	55.5%
 Total (unduplicated)	 652	
 Hours per week for typical gifted student	 4.85	
	(4 hours 51 minutes)	

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	474	72.7%	26,987
Mathematics	504	77.3%	25,818
Biological Science	300	46.0%	14,717
Social Science	274	42.0%	13,930
Fine Arts	166	25.5%	6,256
Physical Development	75	11.5%	4,994
Foreign Language	50	7.7%	3,337
Multi-Disciplinary	213	32.7%	8,392

Elementary School Gifted Education

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

	Number	Percent
Self Contained	62	8.9%
Pull Out	468	67.0%
Within Regular	392	56.2%
Total (unduplicated)	698	
Hours per week for typical gifted student	4.07	
	(4 hours 4 minutes)	

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	493	70.6%	37,146
Mathematics	465	66.6%	31,883
Biological Science	278	39.8%	18,988
Social Science	260	37.2%	19,964
Fine Arts	176	25.2%	13,581
Physical Development	69	9.9%	13,119
Foreign Language	29	4.2%	3,147
Multi-Disciplinary	300	43.0%	19,288