



Public Schools of North Carolina

State of our State 2009

NCAGT/PAGE Convention

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Gifted Education in North Carolina

Led by...

- Article 9B, 1996, § 115C-150.5
 - State Definition
 - State mandate to ID & Serve (K-12)
 - Local plan required per LEA for K-12
 - Local plan approved by LEA School Board
 - Local plan is in effect for three years
 - Local Plan reviewed by DPI with comments/recommendations; sent back to LEA



Numbers of NC Students Formally Identified as AIG

According to the DPI 2008 AIG Child Count:

| Native | Asian | Black | Hispanic | Multi | White | Total * Students |
|--------|-------|-------|----------|-------|--------|-----------------------------|
| 1272 | 6497 | 17192 | 5074 | 4291 | 125366 | 159,692 |

*Does not include 2E



Our Initial DPI Goals:

- Build regional and local capacity
- Support program improvement, state-wide framework with the AIG Program Standards
- Provide professional development
- Support quality teacher preparation, IHE
- Serve *all* school populations, incl. under-served
- Collaborate with other DPI initiatives
- Use and share data more effectively
- Synergize efforts
- Others based on your needs...



2008-2009 Highlights

- DPI Organizational Transition: AIG now directly reports to the Deputy Chief Academic Officer
- State Budget Allocations increased
- Performance Audit, essentially closed
- New Teacher Licensure Standards Approved
- Revised NC WISE Child Count Procedures
- Developing partnerships with Honors Committee, AP/IB, NCVPH, Governor's School, etc.
- Regional Visits
- AIG Program Standards revised and will be taken to the SBE in June.



2008-2009 AIG State Funding

- GA passed for FY 08-09 an increase in the per pupil allocation for AIG is **\$1,163.07**. The per pupil allocation last year (FY 2007-2008) was **\$1083.32** per AIG student, overall increase of over **\$6 million** statewide!
- NC is in the top 4 funded states in US*

* NAGC's State of the States, 2006-07



State Funding for Gifted Education in NC

| Fiscal Year * | Amount Funded |
|------------------|----------------------|
| 2003-2004 | \$46,677,023. |
| 2004-2005 | \$49,015,878. |
| 2005-2006 | \$51,789,577. |
| 2007-2008 | \$60,965,069. |
| 2008-2009 | \$66,949,383. |



AIG Program Standards

- Responds to Audit's findings
 - Articulates expectations to which LEAs should progress
 - 6 Standards, with Practices
 - Student Identification
 - Differentiated Curriculum and Instruction
 - Comprehensive Services
 - Personnel and Professional Development
 - Partnerships
 - Program Accountability
 - Final due to SBE in June, 2009
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NC leading in gifted education...

- 1 of only 5 states that provide funding to *all* LEAs by mandate*
- Legislation mandates ID and Serve
- Governor's School, NCSSM, NCSArts, NCVPHS, AP/IB State Fee Grant
- NCAGT, NAGC, PAGE, Duke TIP, AAGC
- IHE Consortium
- Dedicated and high quality professionals



Next Steps....

- Continue to build local and regional capacity
- Support teacher development, IHEs
- Improve AIG Programs:
 - AIG Program Standards: final revisions and approval by SBE
 - Develop Local AIG Plan review process, supplementary documents for standards
- Collect, interpret and share AIG data
- Communicate effectively, Website revision, Family component



***“Be the change that you
want to see in the world.”***

M. Gandhi



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