



**KENTUCKY DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION
State Advisory Council for Gifted and Talented Education
(SACGTE)
SUMMARY**

FEB. 13, 2025

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I. Welcome

Melody Cooper, Policy Advisor, Office of Special Education and Early Learning (OSEEL)

Summary of Discussion: Cooper welcomed members and thanked them for their work in the interests of gifted and talented students (GT) across Kentucky. Kentucky Department of Education's (KDE) SACGTE facilitator, Misty Green reviewed meeting norms, expectations and reminded members to complete the exit slip.

II. Introduction of Members and Roll Call

Julia Roberts, Chair of the SACGTE

Summary of Discussion: Roberts called the meeting to order and conducted the roll call.

ATTENDANCE:

PRESENT: Kathie Anderson, Carrie Ballinger, Lindsay Burton, Kimberly Code, Paulynn Covington, Mason Dyer, Lou Ann Flanagan, Hannah England, Julia Roberts, Kim Walters-Parker and Abigail Wheaton.

ABSENT: Shaundeidra Bradford, Brandy Corbin, Jessica Greene, Kirk Haynes, Jessica Hastings, Phillip Kash, Jeanne Lee, Tiffany Marshall, Brenda Martin, Timothy Travis and Trinity Walsh.

Council members in attendance: 11

Council members not in attendance: 11

III. Approval of SACGTE Meeting Minutes

Lindsay Burton, Secretary of the SACGTE

Summary of Discussion: Minutes from the January 2025 meeting were given to members for review. There was no discussion or needed changes. Ballinger made a motion to accept the Jan. 8, 2025, minutes. Flanagan seconded the motion. Motion passed.

IV. SACGTE Priorities and Recommendations

Melody Cooper, Policy Advisor, OSEEL

Summary of Discussion: Cooper reviewed the council's responsibility as written in the statute. She spoke about the council's recommendation regarding funding for gifted education. The Kentucky Department of Education is preparing an Additional Budget Request (ABR) to present to the Kentucky Board of Education (KBE), with the purpose of submitting it to the General Assembly for increased funding for the gifted education program

V. State Gifted Education Update

Kathie Anderson, Gifted Education Consultant, OSEEL

Summary of Discussion: Anderson shared that today is the Gifted Education proclamation and February is Gifted Education Month. The Gifted Education Proclamation ceremony will be in the Capitol Rotunda at noon today. Leaders and students from the Gatton and Craft academies will be speaking and performing.

The SACGTE has several vacancies and if anyone knows of someone who may be interested, please share the application. The application can be completed digitally or by emailing it to the appropriate Kentucky Boards and Commissions staff, along with a resume. Information will be shared through slides in the shared Google folder. The council has member vacancies for parents, principals, the business sector and the local board of education.

Anderson shared the 2023-2024 Kentucky School Report Card (SRC) data with the council. The SRC includes GT student data for the state, district and school. Anderson shared the dashboard and how to navigate to the data for GT students. The report card lists current data, as well as data trends over the last few years. There are various graphs and table views.

VI. Opportunities for Advanced Learners

Julia Roberts, Chair of the SACGTE

Summary of Discussion: House Bill (HB) 190 is before the legislature and it requires that students in grades 3-12 who score at high levels are automatically placed in advanced coursework. Districts would establish policies to implement advanced math opportunities for students. The bill states other areas would be incorporated in the future. Students would have to opt-out, rather than in, of such coursework. This type of policy has been implemented in North Carolina and has greatly increased the number of students who are participating in advanced coursework. Ballinger asked if any funding would be attached to this bill. Roberts shared that there was not any funding because this is not a budget year. However, the policy would not go into effect until 2026. The expenses are limited to possible extra staff or training. Wheaton asked

if this bill defines what is considered advanced coursework or would that be left to the district. Roberts explained that it would be left to the district.

VII. Closing Remarks

Julia Roberts, Chair of the SACGTE

Summary of Discussion: Roberts shared about the recent Kentucky Association of Gifted Education (KAGE) Conference. She thanked everyone for participating today.

VIII. Exit Slip and Adjournment

Misty Green, SACGTE Facilitator, OSEEL

Summary of Discussion: Green reminded everyone to complete their exit slips. Covington made a motion to adjourn, Dyer seconded. Motion passed and meeting adjourned.

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