



Burch Charter School of Excellence

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Gifted and Talented Program Guidelines

ELEMENTARY GIFTED AND TALENTED PROGRAM

New Jersey Administrative Code regulations (N.J.A.C. 6A:8-3.1) define gifted and talented students as: "Those students who possess or demonstrate high levels of ability, in one or more content areas, when compared to their chronological peers in the local district and who require modification of their educational program if they are to achieve in accordance with their capabilities."

The regulations require that students be compared to their chronological peers in the local school district. New Jersey does not have state-level criteria such as mandated tests or assessments, grade point averages, or IQ scores. Local school districts must use **multiple** measures to identify students. The Burch Charter School of Excellence utilizes multiple measures in identifying gifted students as follows:

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Grade K Final Pre – K Rating (if Available), Teacher Recommendation, Benchmark Testing, DRA

Grades 1-3 MAP – Score of 80 Final Grades – 4's and 3's Teacher Recommendation, Benchmark Testing, DRA

Grades 4-5 Final Grades – 4's and 3's Teacher Recommendations, Benchmark Testing, DRA, NJSLA

PARENT RESOURCES

- The [New Jersey Association for Gifted Children](#) (NJAGC) assists schools, teachers, parents and students.
- The [Gifted Child Society](#) is a nonprofit organization that was founded in 1957 by parents of New Jersey to further the cause of gifted children.
- At the national level, the [National Association for Gifted Children](#) (NAGC) is an organization of parents, teachers, educators, other professionals, and community leaders who unite to address the unique needs of children and youth with demonstrated gifts and talents as well as those children who may be able to develop their talent potential with appropriate educational experiences.
- The Open Education Database provides a useful list of [48 Essential Links for their Parents of Gifted Children](#).
- The [Renzulli Center for Creativity, Gifted Education, and Talent Development](#) provides a list of websites for parents.