

COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA
DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

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SUBJECT: 2010-11 Gifted Education Compliance Monitoring Schedule

TO: School District Superintendents, School District Special Education Directors
Intermediate Unit Executive Directors, Intermediate Unit Special Education Directors

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The Pennsylvania Department of Education (PDE) has the general supervisory responsibility to ensure all school districts are implementing educational programs for gifted students in compliance with applicable laws and regulations. In order to fulfill this responsibility, the PDE has established administrative procedures for monitoring of gifted education program implementation, including evaluating the appropriateness, effectiveness and accountability of gifted education services and programs.

The PDE develops a schedule for gifted education monitoring during each school year. Ten school districts of varying size across the Commonwealth will be monitored. Additional monitoring reviews, if deemed appropriate, may be designated as the school year progresses. The Monitoring for Gifted Education includes a Facilitated Self-Assessment (FSA) completed by the school district and an on-site visit by a PDE review team as per 22 Pa. Code 16.6(d)(1). The on-site review team reviews the FSA submitted by the school district, conducts interviews with administrators, teachers, students and parents and verification activities of the information reported in the FSA.

Verification activities include file reviews of student documents, studies of service delivery and analysis of policies, procedures and outcomes as per 22 Pa. Code 16.6 (d)(2). The monitoring finding will be presented to the school district in a report following the on-site monitoring visit. School districts will have the opportunity to respond to the monitoring findings by participating in the development of improvement and/or corrective action plans.

Thank you in advance for your cooperation in complying with this state mandated requirement. The PDE recognizes the time and effort required on the behalf of school districts to successfully participate in the monitoring process. The result of this effort will be a higher quality program for the children and families we serve. Should you have any questions regarding the monitoring schedule listed below, please contact Dr. Shirley Curl at (717) 786-6361.

GIFTED EDUCATION CYCLICAL COMPLIANCE MONITORING SCHEDULE
School Districts to be Monitored in 2010-11

IU Week of LEA Chair

05 November 1, 2010 Warren County - Curl
08 November 15, 2010 Chestnut Ridge - Curl
12 November 29, 2010 Bermudian Springs - Curl
10 December 6, 2010 Bald Eagle Area - Curl
16 January 17, 2011 Millville Area - Curl

20 February 14, 2011 Pocono Mountain - Curl
23 February 28, 2011 Norristown Area - Curl
14 March 7, 2011 Kutztown Area - Curl
13 April 18, 2011 Ephrata Area - Curl
25 May 16, 2010 Interboro – Curl