

Administrative Memo

TO: School Administrators

FROM: David Welch, Director of Gifted Education Programs, Office of Quality Schools

DATE: December 8, 2015

SUBJECT: QS-15-015 - State Approved Gifted Programs and Advanced Placement and International Baccalaureate

On May 19, 2015, the State Board of Education accepted the recommendation of the State Advisory Council for the Education of Gifted and Talented Children to discontinue counting Advanced Placement (AP) and International Baccalaureate (IB) students and courses as part of a state approved gifted program unless the courses comply with the established administrative rule for state gifted programs. Starting in the 2016-2017 school year, students in Advanced Placement (AP) and/or International Baccalaureate (IB) courses are not to be labeled as Gifted Served (GS) in MOSIS.

Administrative rule 5 CSR 20-100.110 for state approved gifted programs requires that a gifted certified teacher is teaching any class labeled as an (08) state approved gifted class and students identified as gifted served (GS) in MOSIS have met three of the four criteria areas with state minimum qualifications. AP or IB classes are not to be labeled as (08) state approved gifted classes in the October Cycle of Core Data unless the teacher of the class has gifted certification. If the teacher has gifted certification, the class may be labeled as a state approved gifted class (08) in the October cycle of Core Data collection.

Appropriate and accurate reporting of MOSIS and Core Data information about state approved gifted programs is required to meet the statutory requirement set forth in Senate Bill (SB) 599, RSMo. 160.522. This information is to be more thoroughly examined to insure it is accurate as important decisions are being made based on this information.

This letter is designed to provide you with sufficient advanced knowledge of this change to insure accurate reporting in the October Core Data cycle for 2016-2017. In addition, the MOSIS and Core Data Manual has been updated to reflect this change.

If you have any questions, please contact David Welch at david.welch@dese.mo.gov or (573) 571-7754.