



Guidance for District Gifted and Talented (GT) Education Coordinators on Upcoming Deadlines

September 11, 2020

As COVID-19 is altering many aspects of education for SY20-21, the Oklahoma State Department of Education (OSDE) would like to clarify specific information regarding gifted and talented identification.

- There are currently *no changes* regarding due dates as outlined by Oklahoma state statute.
- Funding should be minimally, or not at all, affected based on the two year total weighted average as outlined by Oklahoma state statute. Click to read the [GT Identification and Funding Implications Memo](#) for more information.
- Student identification should NOT be rushed before the Oct. 1st GT student count deadline *unless* a school feels it can do so consistently, equitably, and safely for all PK-12th grade qualifying students within the district's established guidelines and protocols.

There are three major deadline dates for District GT Coordinators. Below are listed dates and specific information pertaining to upcoming deadlines according to state law.

If you have questions, please contact [Ashley Moore](#), Director of GT Education Programs.

Deadline Sept. 15th - Local Advisory Committee is Appointed

Read the related law at [70 O.S. §1210.308](#).

- The Local Advisory Committee must be appointed no later than Sept. 15, 2020.
- As few as 3 and no more than 11 members may serve on the committee for a two-year term.
- Committee members must include the Superintendent, a district staff member with training in gifted and talented, a parent of a gifted and talented student, and a community representative that may have a student in gifted and talented.
- The committee MUST meet before Oct. 1st, 2020, virtually or in-person.

The Committee SHOULD:

Assist in the formation of district goals for gifted and talented education, development of the gifted education plan (GEP), and preparation of the district report on gifted and talented student count, while also performing other advisory duties as requested by the board of education.



The Committee SHOULD NOT:

Identify or have access to student-level data in order to protect the confidentiality of all students.

Deadline Oct. 1st - Hold First Local Advisory Committee Meeting and GT Student Count Taken

Read the related law at [70 O.S. §1210.308](#).

- The Superintendent must call the first Local Advisory Committee meeting prior to Oct. 1st.
- The meeting must be filed with the county clerk in accordance with the board of education policies.
- The district's Student Information System must be updated via the Wave. The student count page of your Gifted and Talented Education Report will automatically populate with this information.
- Due to COVID, a delay in identification of new GT students will have minimal to no impact on funding. For more information, click on the [GT Identification and Implications for Funding Memo](#).
- It is recommended that the District GT Coordinator keep a file on hand of the Local Advisory Committee minutes from all meetings and a record of the meeting announcement.

Deadline Oct. 15th - Complete the Gifted and Talented Report

Read the related law at [70 O.S. §1210.307\(C\)](#).

- The report can be completed in the Single Sign-On (SSO) system.
- The Oct. 1st Consolidated Report must be certified before student count numbers will properly populate.
- View the [Webinar](#) or [slideshow](#) for more specific information.