Oklahoma’s Legislative Mandate

• Originally mandated by law in 1981
• Definition of gifted and talented children
  – Those children identified at the preschool, elementary, and secondary level as having demonstrated potential abilities of high performance capability and needing differentiated or accelerated education services.
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• Two categories of identification reporting
  – Students identified in the top 3 percent on a nationally standardized test of intellectual ability
  – Students identified as excelling in one or more of the following areas:
    • Intellectual ability
    • Creative thinking ability
    • Leadership ability
    • Visual or performing arts ability
    • Specific academic ability
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• Each local school district must submit a Gifted Education Plan to the SDE for approval.
  – Written process for assessment and selection of eligible students
  – Description of programming options and curriculum that is differentiated in pace, breadth, and depth
  – Criteria for evaluating gifted child educational programming
  – Budget for expenditures of generated funds
Oklahoma’s Legislative Mandate

- SDE will monitor 25 randomly selected school districts per year for program compliance
- Each local school district will have a Local Advisory Committee for gifted and talented education
- SDE provides technical assistance and inservice opportunities upon request to local school districts
2011-2012 Child Count Data

• 102,659 students identified and served; 15.4% of total school population
  – 35,767 identified in the top 3%
  – 66,892 identified by multiple criteria
• 2,050 identified students with disabling conditions
• Gender distribution
  – 50,138 males; 48.8% of GT population
  – 52,521 females; 51.2% of GT population
# 2011-2012 Child Count Data

- Gifted Ethnicity and Race Distribution

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NOTE: Percentages may not total 100% due to rounding.
2011-2012 Child Count Data

• Most commonly employed programming options
  – Proficiency Based Promotion assessments
  – Enrichment in the regular classroom
  – Creative and academic competitions
  – Guidance and counseling
  – Concurrent enrollment
  – Acceleration
  – Independent study
  – Differentiated curriculum
  – Advanced Placement® courses
Funding Generated

• $47,882,941 generated through the state aid funding formula for gifted and talented education
  – $73,883,513 was budgeted by school districts for gifted and talented education.
  – Therefore, school districts have budgeted an additional $26,000,572 of their general state aid for gifted and talented education.
Teacher Data

- 31,720 teachers work with Gifted and Talented students for any portion of the school day.
- 776 teachers are full-time Gifted and Talented teachers.
- 135 teachers, counselors, and administrators have certification, special endorsement, and/or a college degree in Gifted and Talented.
- 3,615 teachers, counselors, and administrators have some college coursework in Gifted and Talented.
SDE Staff

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