

# Idaho Department of Education

## Report – 33-1007 Gifted and Talented Education

### GIFTED & TALENTED EDUCATION FY2024 HIGHLIGHTS

#### Qualitative/Quantitative Data

- In May 2024, Idaho traditional school enrollment was 279,533 with 13,936 identified as gifted, 5.0% of all Idaho students. This is a small increase from 4.6% in Spring of 2023.
- IDAPA code 08.02.171.02 requires “each school district shall develop and write a plan for its gifted and talented program.” 81% of school districts are complying; as of December 2024, twenty-two (22) traditional districts are missing their current 3 Year GT Plans. (Of those who have not submitted 3-years plans, approximately half of the LEAs are working with GT Facilitators to complete and submit the required plan.)
- 45% of traditional school districts (52 districts) in Idaho have reported zero (0) gifted students in ISEE. This is not in compliance with IDAPA code 08.02.03.171.03 requirements. (See Table 1. Please note, notation of 0 students/0% does not represent that zero students in the LEA are GT; these numbers represent zero (0) students have been identified and/reported. Based on national averages, reporting of zero is likely a result of no screening or assessment, or inaccurate district reporting.)
- House Bill 620 (2017) allowed funding for professional development increasing attendance to Edufest by 40%. Attendance numbers have steadily decreased from 2018 to 2024.
- Idaho Universities no longer provide the Gifted and Talented Endorsement courses and credits because of lack of enrollment.

#### Unserved Gifted Students in Idaho

- Idaho schools in almost every district, small and large, do not identify gifted students in three of the five areas mandated by statute: creative, leadership, visual and performing arts.
- Students who are twice exceptional (meaning they have high abilities and disabilities concurrently) are often excluded from gifted programs due to lack of services, qualified staffing, and understanding of this population of students.
- According to the National Association of Gifted Students, 3-6 out of every 100 students are considered gifted or potentially gifted. Based on student counts in each district that reported (0) gifted students, Idaho could be missing up to 215 rural gifted students.

Students who attend small rural schools in Idaho are less likely to be identified as gifted, and if they are, are less likely to receive services.

**TABLE 1: FY2024 GT IDENTIFICATION BY DISTRICT**

LEA Number	LEA Name**	Total Student Count	Students Identified as GT	% Identified as GT
001	BOISE INDEPENDENT DISTRICT	21998	3299	15.0%
002	JOINT SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 2	38369	2730	7.1%
003	KUNA JOINT DISTRICT	5648	107	1.9%
011	MEADOWS VALLEY DISTRICT	122	0	0.0%
013	COUNCIL DISTRICT	288	0	0.0%
021	MARSH VALLEY JOINT DISTRICT	1110	0	0.0%
025	POCATELLO DISTRICT	11594	513	4.4%
033	BEAR LAKE COUNTY DISTRICT	1386	178	12.8%
041	ST MARIES JOINT DISTRICT	895	0	0.0%
044	PLUMMER-WORLEY JOINT DISTRICT	330	0	0.0%
052	SNAKE RIVER DISTRICT	3219	50	1.6%
055	BLACKFOOT DISTRICT	3803	138	3.6%
058	ABERDEEN DISTRICT	618	55	8.9%
059	FIRTH DISTRICT	825	0	0.0%
060	SHELLEY JOINT DISTRICT	2519	94	3.7%
061	BLAINE COUNTY DISTRICT	3144	271	8.6%
071	GARDEN VALLEY DISTRICT	242	*	*
072	BASIN SCHOOL DISTRICT	316	*	*
073	HORSESHOE BEND SCHOOL DISTRICT	182	*	*
083	WEST BONNER COUNTY DISTRICT	953	0	0.0%
084	LAKE PEND OREILLE SCHOOL DISTRICT	3641	*	*
091	IDAHO FALLS DISTRICT	10104	489	4.8%
092	SWAN VALLEY ELEMENTARY DISTRICT	56	0	0.0%
093	BONNEVILLE JOINT DISTRICT	13585	1076	7.9%
101	BOUNDARY COUNTY DISTRICT	1282	38	3.0%
111	BUTTE COUNTY JOINT DISTRICT	370	0	0.0%
121	CAMAS COUNTY DISTRICT	167	0	0.0%
131	NAMPA SCHOOL DISTRICT	12796	289	2.3%
132	CALDWELL DISTRICT	5221	116	2.2%
133	WILDER DISTRICT	653	*	*
134	MIDDLETON DISTRICT	4254	201	4.7%
135	NOTUS DISTRICT	315	*	*
136	MELBA JOINT DISTRICT	798	0	0.0%
137	PARMA DISTRICT	1006	58	5.8%

139	VALLIVUE SCHOOL DISTRICT	9849	342	3.5%
148	GRACE JOINT DISTRICT	508	13	2.6%
149	NORTH GEM DISTRICT	125	0	0.0%
150	SODA SPRINGS JOINT DISTRICT	873	5	0.6%
151	CASSIA COUNTY JOINT DISTRICT	5414	213	3.9%
161	CLARK COUNTY DISTRICT	101	0	0.0%
171	OROFINO JOINT DISTRICT	1070	0	0.0%
181	CHALLIS JOINT DISTRICT	340	24	7.1%
182	MACKAY JOINT DISTRICT	211	0	0.0%
191	PRAIRIE ELEMENTARY DISTRICT	6	0	0.0%
192	GLENNS FERRY JOINT DISTRICT	348	0	0.0%
193	MOUNTAIN HOME DISTRICT	3559	67	1.9%
201	PRESTON JOINT DISTRICT	2343	0	0.0%
202	WEST SIDE JOINT DISTRICT	782	31	4.0%
215	FREMONT COUNTY JOINT DISTRICT	2166	48	2.2%
221	EMMETT INDEPENDENT DISTRICT	2486	76	3.1%
231	GOODING JOINT DISTRICT	1162	62	5.3%
232	WENDELL DISTRICT	1104	49	4.4%
233	HAGERMAN JOINT DISTRICT	369	0	0.0%
234	BLISS JOINT DISTRICT	129	0	0.0%
242	COTTONWOOD JOINT DISTRICT	419	0	0.0%
243	SALMON RIVER JOINT SCHOOL DISTRICT	141	0	0.0%
244	MOUNTAIN VIEW SCHOOL DISTRICT	1111	5	0.5%
251	JEFFERSON COUNTY JOINT DISTRICT	6570	316	4.8%
252	RIRIE JOINT DISTRICT	684	0	0.0%
253	WEST JEFFERSON DISTRICT	593	16	2.7%
261	JEROME JOINT DISTRICT	3903	187	4.8%
262	VALLEY DISTRICT	506	0	0.0%
271	COEUR D'ALENE DISTRICT	9496	961	10.1%
272	LAKELAND DISTRICT	4443	105	2.4%
273	POST FALLS DISTRICT	5758	292	5.1%
274	KOOTENAI DISTRICT	199	0	0.0%
281	MOSCOW DISTRICT	2089	172	8.2%
282	GENESEE JOINT DISTRICT	280	0	0.0%
283	KENDRICK JOINT DISTRICT	288	0	0.0%
285	POTLATCH DISTRICT	456	0	0.0%
287	TROY SCHOOL DISTRICT	327	*	*
288	WHITEPINE JOINT SCHOOL DISTRICT	208	0	0.0%
291	SALMON DISTRICT	645	35	5.4%
292	SOUTH LEMHI DISTRICT	117	0	0.0%
302	NEZPERCE JOINT DISTRICT	165	0	0.0%
304	KAMIAH JOINT DISTRICT	372	0	0.0%
305	HIGHLAND JOINT DISTRICT	165	0	0.0%

312	SHOSHONE JOINT DISTRICT	518	0	0.0%
314	DIETRICH DISTRICT	183	34	18.6%
316	RICHFIELD DISTRICT	206	0	0.0%
321	MADISON DISTRICT	5591	215	3.8%
322	SUGAR-SALEM JOINT DISTRICT	2177	0	0.0%
331	MINIDOKA COUNTY JOINT DISTRICT	4255	32	0.8%
340	LEWISTON INDEPENDENT DISTRICT	4429	294	6.6%
341	LAPWAI DISTRICT	489	0	0.0%
342	CULDESAC JOINT DISTRICT	103	0	0.0%
351	ONEIDA COUNTY DISTRICT	8678	45	0.5%
363	MARSING JOINT DISTRICT	783	9	1.1%
364	PLEASANT VALLEY ELEMENTARY DISTRICT	16	0	0.0%
365	BRUNEAU-GRAND VIEW JOINT SCHOOL DISTRICT	259	16	6.2%
370	HOMEDALE JOINT DISTRICT	1250	14	1.1%
371	PAYETTE JOINT DISTRICT	1275	19	1.5%
372	NEW PLYMOUTH DISTRICT	929	0	0.0%
373	FRUITLAND DISTRICT	1561	40	2.6%
381	AMERICAN FALLS JOINT DISTRICT	1482	20	1.3%
382	ROCKLAND DISTRICT	171	0	0.0%
383	ARBON ELEMENTARY DISTRICT	17	0	0.0%
391	KELLOGG JOINT DISTRICT	1082	0	0.0%
392	MULLAN DISTRICT	79	0	0.0%
393	WALLACE DISTRICT	473	47	9.9%
394	AVERY SCHOOL DISTRICT	15	0	0.0%
401	TETON COUNTY DISTRICT	1904	6	0.3%
411	TWIN FALLS DISTRICT	8983	260	2.9%
412	BUHL JOINT DISTRICT	1198	*	*
413	FILER DISTRICT	1502	0	0.0%
414	KIMBERLY DISTRICT	1956	43	2.2%
415	HANSEN DISTRICT	290	0	0.0%
416	THREE CREEK JOINT ELEMENTARY DISTRICT	4	0	0.0%
417	CASTLEFORD DISTRICT	296	0	0.0%
418	MURTAUGH JOINT DISTRICT	373	20	5.4%
421	MCCALL-DONNELLY JOINT SCHOOL DISTRICT	1357	66	4.9%
422	CASCADE DISTRICT	188	0	0.0%
431	WEISER DISTRICT	1482	0	0.0%
432	CAMBRIDGE JOINT DISTRICT	145	0	0.0%
433	MIDVALE DISTRICT	145	17	11.7%
		<b>279533</b>	<b>13936</b>	<b>5.0%</b>



\* Denotes LEAs with reporting numbers with an nsize < 5

\*\* Charter schools are not required to submit 3-year plans or identification data. While some charter schools choose to submit plans and report student identification numbers, this data is not compiled in this report.

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