

The School Committee recognizes the importance of identifying students of unusual ability in the following areas: general intelligence, specific academic aptitudes, creative thinking and visual and performing arts.

Monhegan School will use identification instruments, selection criteria and procedures that will ensure that participants are of gifted intellect or are talented performers or both.

The school unit will prescribe and implement specialized, individualized programs to challenge gifted and talented students to further develop their potential. Such programs will fully utilize existing educational programs in order to provide the least restrictive educational environment while maintaining social relationships and social development.

The goal of the school unit's programming for gifted and talented students is to provide them with:

- A. An opportunity for challenge of their intellectual abilities;
- B. An outlet to develop their creative thinking;
- C. Experiences designed to nurture leadership ability;
- D. A means to expand their academic achievements; and
- E. An opportunity to express their literary, artistic and performing arts talents.

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