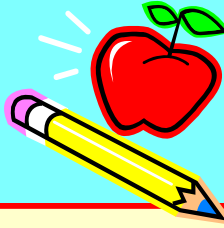




# GT NEWS



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## It's ALL in the Plan!

### Furlough Policy

A furlough occurs when a student is removed from the Gifted and Talented program on a temporary basis for a period not to exceed two years. A furlough may be initiated at the request

of a parent, student, teacher, or campus selection committee. However, parents must be notified of a furlough and given opportunity for appeal. A furlough will be considered and/or granted in the following situations:

1) A request is made that gifted and talented services be suspended because of illness or other extenuating circumstances that prohibit the student from performing to the best of their ability.

Students who are on furlough are listed as non-participating on PEIMS. If a student does not resume participation in the Gifted and Talented program within two years, parents are notified the student is being considered for an exit from the program.

### Appeals Policy

Parents, students, teachers, or administrators may appeal any decision from the campus Gifted and Talented Selection Committee regarding selection for or removal from the Gifted and Talented program. An appeal will first be made to the campus selection committee. If the campus Selection Committee upholds the original decision, any subsequent appeal shall be made to the District Appeals Committee. If the District Appeals Committee upholds the campus committee's decision, any subsequent appeal shall be made in accordance with local board policy.

### To appeal a committee decision for placement or removal:

- 1) The appealing party must notify the school within two weeks of receiving eligibility notification. The right to appeal is made known to the parents in the eligibility letter.
- 2) The Campus Appeal Committee, made up of three or more members, will review the identification data and determine whether or not to uphold their decision or/to request additional information/testing to be considered by the campus Selection Committee.
- 3) If the campus' committee upholds their decision, the appealing party is notified that the appeal has been denied.
- 4) If additional information or testing is requested, it will be obtained in a timely manner and returned to the campus Selection Committee for review. The appealing party and Gifted and Talented Facilitator shall be invited to the review discussion.
- 5) The campus Selection Committee will then consider and determine eligibility based on all information available.
- 6) After determination of eligibility has been made, it will be communicated to the appealing party by the Gifted and Talented Facilitator.
- 7) Any subsequent appeal must then be made through channels outlined in board policy.

## From the GT Conference

### Twelve Things You Were Not Taught in School About Creative Thinking

1. You are creative.
2. Creative thinking is work
3. You must go through the motions of being creative.
4. Your brain is not a computer.
5. There is no one right answer.
6. Never stop with your first good idea.
7. Expect the experts to be negative.
8. Trust your instincts.
9. There is no such thing as failure.
10. You do not see things as they are; you see them as you are.
11. Always approach a problem on its own terms.
12. Learn to think unconventionally.

To read the entire article in the Creativity Post, including the details for each of the 12, go to the following link:

[http://www.creativitypost.com/create/twelve\\_things\\_you\\_were\\_not\\_taught\\_in\\_school\\_about\\_creative\\_thinking](http://www.creativitypost.com/create/twelve_things_you_were_not_taught_in_school_about_creative_thinking)

## Upcoming Events

ONLY ONE LEFT!!!

Spring 2013 offerings for the GT Update DOK (Depth of Knowledge) online courses

GT Update Online Course		
Spring 2013	Enrollment Dates	Course Dates
DOK online course	March 18 - 22	March 25 - April 26

Please Note: If you decide not to take the DOK online course you may choose other approved trainings:

- Region 16 AAS (Advanced Academic Services) credit.

Let me know your ideas or suggestions!!  
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