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It's ALL in the Plan!

**Texas Administrative Code
Title 19, Part II
Chapter 89. Adaptations for Special Populations
Subchapter A. Gifted & Talented Education
§89.1 Student Assessment.**

School districts shall develop written policies on student identification that are approved by the local board of trustees and disseminated to parents. The policies must:

(1) include provisions for ongoing screening and selection of students who perform or show potential for performing at remarkably high levels of accomplishment in the areas defined in the Texas Education Code, §29.121;

(2) include assessment measures collected from multiple sources according to each areadefined in The Texas State Plan for the Education of Gifted & Talented Students;

(3) include data and procedures designed to ensure that students from all populations in the district have access to assessment and, if identified, services for the gifted & talented program;

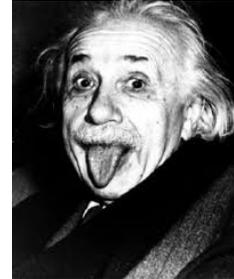
(4) provide for final selection of students to be made by a committee of at least three local district educators who have received training in the nature and needs of gifted students; and

(5) include provisions regarding furloughs, reassessment, exiting of students from program services, transfer students, and appeals of district decisions regarding program placement.

Something to Ponder

How to Unlock Creativity

Creativity comes from combining ordinary things in extraordinary ways.



Do you know this guy? Of course you do! The man, and in particular that photo, are icons. They represent creativity itself. Yet Einstein is both an inspiration and an intimidation. His legend, unfortunately, has obscured much his story's true value. He was, in many ways, unexceptional, but nevertheless managed to see the world differently and led others to do so as well. Although obviously intelligent, he showed no special early aptitude. He was neither rich nor poor. While not tremendously popular as a child, he was no loner either. His extraordinarily genius was very much the product of a method and it is one which we can all follow.

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On the other hand...

Best Ideas Are Never Very Creative

If you are looking for truly original ideas, you need to remove the word "best" from your evaluation process.

Brainstorms, ideas, campaigns and similar idea extravaganzas very often end with a vague notion of choosing the best idea. The problem is that a truly creative idea, the kind of idea that has the potential to become a breakthrough innovation, is seldom the best solution to the problem or the best path to achieving a goal -- for the very simple reason that highly creative ideas are original. They cannot directly be compared to existing notions. If you come up with a technology for a hyper-space drive, you cannot compare it to other hyper-space drives. You have invented the only one. Rather, you can compare it to similar existing technology, such as rocket engines or ion thrusters. But these are very different things and so the comparison is difficult and may focus on the wrong criteria. Let's look at some more concrete examples.

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Let me know your ideas or suggestions!!
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