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OREGON ASSOCIATION FOR TALENTED AND GIFTED

OATAG ADVOCACY AGENDA 2011-2013

TRAINING

- OATAG supports **pre-service training** in gifted education for all new teachers, coordinators, counselors, school psychologists, and administrators.
- OATAG supports **professional development** in gifted education for existing teachers, coordinators, counselors, school psychologists and administrators.
- OATAG also supports **providing information** about gifted students and gifted education to students, parents and community.

BEST PRACTICES

- OATAG supports implementation of the **NAGC** (National Association for Gifted Children) **standards** for K-12 gifted education and other research-based best practices.
- OATAG supports a statewide **TAG advisory committee** with funding and support.
- OATAG supports the provision of programs and services for advanced learners in all public schools, rural and urban.

FUNDING

- OATAG supports adequate funding for TAG services. For the 2011-2013 biennium OATAG recommends **six million dollars**, with funds available to districts for TAG services.

ACCOUNTABILITY

- OATAG supports a **transparent and effective accountability system**.
- OATAG supports **oversight of TAG services in all public schools**, rural and urban, including retaining a **full-time TAG specialist** at the Oregon Department of Education.
- OATAG also supports an **education ombudsman**.

"OATAG advocates for the needs of talented and gifted children; serves as a resource for families, educators, and communities; and provides direction for excellence in education."