Gifted Education Students: A Look at Student Count and Supplemental Funding

As Colorado’s PK-12 student population grew by 22,000 students between 2015-16 and 2018-19, the number of students in Gifted education programs declined by 2,000 students. About 7% of Colorado’s students qualify for gifted education services. Areas of giftedness: Specific Academic Aptitude; Creative or Productive Thinking; Leadership Abilities; Visual Arts; Performing Arts; Musical, Drama Psychomotor Ability.

Average Per Pupil Funding for Gifted students continues to be below 2009-10 funding.
In 2016-17, the state funding share of Gifted Education was 30% ($10.0M). The district funded 70% ($23M).

“All administrative units are required to identify and provide services to gifted students. The extent of gifted education programming is dependent upon local resources and State supplemental funds.” Understanding School Finance and Categorical Funding (October 2018), CDE, page 12.