
Itawamba County Schools Summary Report of Gifted Program Stakeholders

The Itawamba County Gifted Program has the understanding, commitment, and support of the stakeholders according to a survey given to the students, parents, and teachers. The results indicate the sample average scores per group on a scale from 1 to 5, with 5 strongly agreeing:

Students:	4.0
Parents:	4.5
Teachers:	4.6
Overall:	4.4

The method of identifying students for gifted and the program's effectiveness in identification solicited the greatest number of comments and lowest scores. Two students' responses received a score of 2 (i.e. disagree); however, no comment was given. A teacher comment suggests the use of grades as an indicator in the process, while another parent indicated the process was fair if the student is referred by teacher.

The greatest strength yielded (i.e. 4.5) by the survey shows parents understand what is going on in the program and receive information from newsletters and information packets. Additional strengths are the stakeholders understanding of the program's purpose and how it works; the program effectively develops critical and creative thinking skills; and the program helps with responsibility and challenges with scores 4.4, 4.4, and 4.3, respectively.

School personnel seek opportunities for collaboration and shared leadership among the stakeholders to enhance student learning, advance improvement efforts, and demonstrate good participation by stakeholder groups.