

**281—59.6(257) Responsibilities of the department.** The department will review documentation submitted by school districts and area education agencies regarding the school districts' and area education agencies' gifted and talented programs and financial transactions. The department may request that the staff of the auditor of state conduct an independent program audit to verify that the gifted and talented programs conform to a school district's program plans. The department will provide technical assistance to school districts and to area education agencies in the development of gifted and talented programs.

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