

**281—59.5(257) Responsibilities of area education agencies.**

**59.5(1)** When a written request is received from one or more local school boards, an area education agency will establish and operate a gifted and talented children advisory council under Iowa Code sections 257.48 and 257.49.

**59.5(2)** Staff of the area education agency will cooperate with school districts in the identification and placement of gifted and talented students. Cooperation may include:

- a.* Assisting local school district personnel in the interpretation of available student data.
- b.* Assistance in the development of the identification plan.
- c.* Providing for psychological testing in individual cases when available data contains significant inconsistencies or in other circumstances when additional data may be necessary for determining the appropriateness of the student placement.

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