

CAG By-Laws – Legislative Committee

Policy 7.6 The Legislative Committee shall study and develop, in cooperation with the Executive Committee, legislation affecting the gifted, make recommendations, and disseminate information.

7.6.1 The Committee shall:

- monitor funding bills.
- present information on the progress and effects of relevant legislation.
- maintain contact with and suggest activities for the Legislative Advocate.
- provide support to the California Department of Education and the State Board of Education.
- provide legislative updates to CAG members and affiliates.
- develop and communicate strategies to support G/T programs in discussions with legislators and other governmental officials.
- monitor the interpretation and implementation of all G/T legislation by state and federal agencies.

7.6.2 The Legislative Chair will monitor and coordinate all legislative activity. It is the responsibility of the Chair to collect and disseminate all pertinent information, to present policy issues to the CAG President and Executive Board, and to submit legislative information for publication on the CAG website and in the CAG newsletter.

7.6.3 The Legislative Advocate will serve as CAG's ongoing professional contact with members of the Legislature and will monitor and report on the progress of all bills and proposed legislation, including significant legislative hearings and suggest strategies for advocacy efforts. The Advocate will make regular contacts with the Legislative Chair or designated representative during Legislative sessions. In an emergency situation, the Advocate may contact other CAG members directly. The Advocate will attend legislative hearings affecting gifted and talented education and will meet with parents and educators in attendance at such hearings. It will be the responsibility of those attending to introduce themselves to the Advocate. The Legislative Advocate will abide by the terms of the contract which will be reviewed annually by the Executive Committee and Legislative Chair.