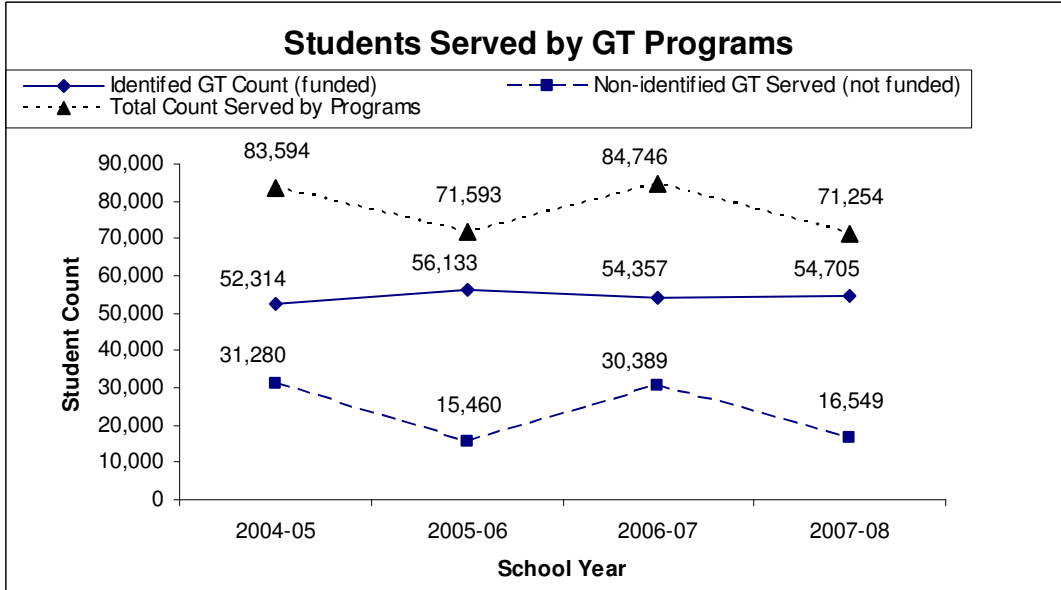
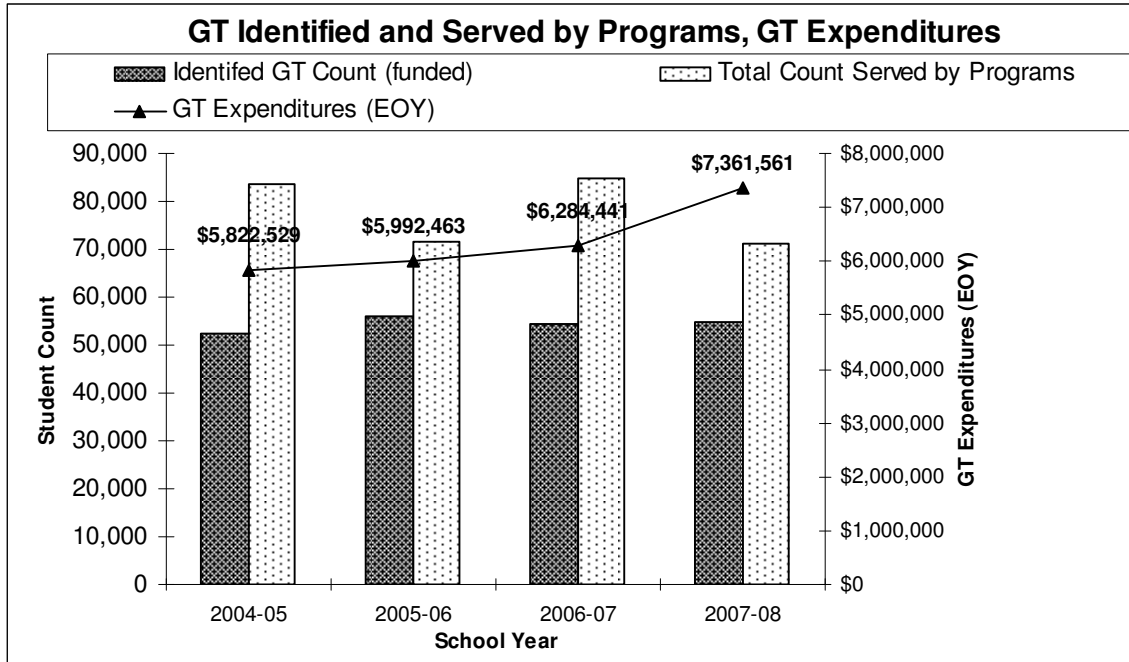


K-12 Students Served by GT Programs and Services Under the Exceptional Children’s Education Act (ECEA)

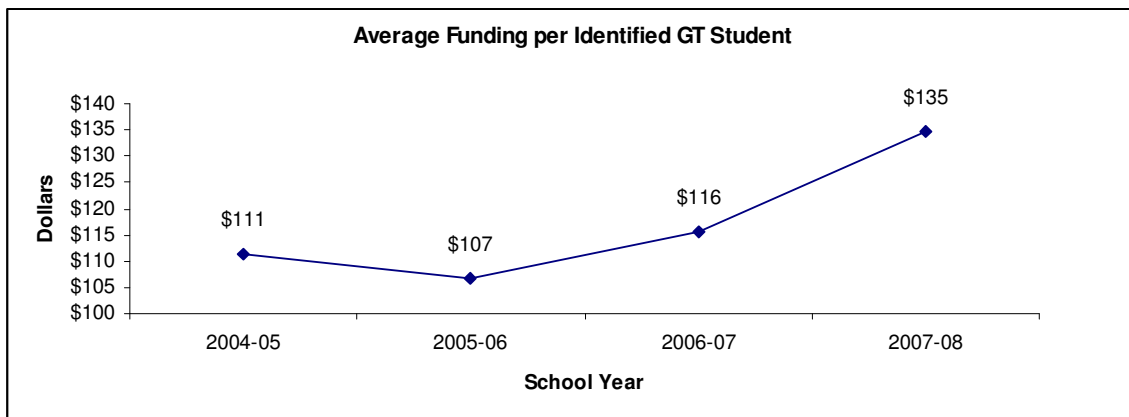


“The Exceptional Children’s Educational Act (ECEA) statute allows administrative units the opportunity to develop and implement Gifted Education Program Plans unique to the needs of the gifted population within the administrative unit. To that end, administrative units use a variety of methods to deliver a continuum of services for gifted student education. Programming includes differentiated instruction, affective guidance and counseling, and a variety of content options to meet the diverse areas of giftedness.” Source: Understanding Colorado School Finance and Categorical Program Funding, July 2009.



- Since 2005-06 Gifted and Talented (GT) expenditures by the state has increased over \$1.5 million dollars, about a 20% increase. The funds are distributed to BOCES/Administrative Units who deliver the services to their GT populations
- In 2007-08 the state share funded approximately 18% of the total cost for districts
- GT funding is one of six categorical programs that receive state funding.
- Historically in Colorado, between 6-7% of Colorado's K-12 population are served as GT students.

Average State Funding for Identified GT Student



Over the last four school years, yearly funding for Gifted and Talented students has increased about \$20 per identified student to \$135.00.