

ARIZONA GIFTED & TALENTED EDUCATION

State Alignment Summary

97th Percentile • Group B • Scope & Sequence

An overview of how Arizona's A.R.S. §15-779 et seq. mandates K-12 gifted services, requires 97th-percentile identification in three reasoning areas, ties Group B "G" weight funding to AzEDS reporting, and requires a board-approved Scope & Sequence every 4 years — and how Renzulli Learning aligns.

OVERVIEW

Arizona (A.R.S. §15-779 et seq. — principally §15-779.01 and §15-779.02) mandates gifted education for **all public districts K-12**. Identification is required for any student scoring **at or above the 97th percentile** (national norms) on State Board-approved tests in **three reasoning areas: Verbal, Nonverbal, and Quantitative**. Gifted education must be an **integrated, differentiated learning experience during the regular school day**. The **Group B "G" weight** (0.007 per-pupil add-on, HB 2898, effective FY2022) provides funding reported via **AzEDS GIFT10/GIFT11**. A board-approved **Scope & Sequence** must be submitted to ADE every 4 years covering 10 statutory elements.

ARIZONA'S G/T FRAMEWORK IN CONTEXT

Arizona's framework combines **strict numeric eligibility** (97th percentile in three reasoning areas) with **direct funding consequences** for both identification (Group B "G" weight adds 0.007 per qualifying pupil) and Scope & Sequence compliance (non-compliance costs the district Group A weight on 7% of student count). SY25-26 brings **free 2nd-grade CogAT universal screening** (\$850K state appropriation) specifically to identify culturally, linguistically, and socioeconomically diverse students — expanding equity while preserving the 97th-percentile standard.

WHERE AZ STANDS

- **A.R.S. §15-779.01 & §15-779.02** — K-12 mandate
- **97th percentile** threshold, **three reasoning areas**
- Verbal, Nonverbal, Quantitative Reasoning
- **Group B "G" weight**: 0.007 per-pupil add-on
- **AzEDS GIFT10/GIFT11** reporting required
- **Scope & Sequence** every 4 years (10 elements)
- **Free 2nd-grade CogAT** universal screening (SY25-26)
- **K-12 Gifted Endorsement** + \$75/pupil supplemental
- Testing required **3x per year**; transfer scores honored
- ~88,000 AZ gifted students (~8%)

RENZULLI LEARNING FIT

- **Profiler** — individualized matching evidence (§15-779.02)
- **CTC** — creativity dimension beyond V/NV/Q tests
- **EFA** — 2E & post-CogAT follow-up
- **Leadership Assessment** — social/emotional element
- **Enrichment Database** — 40,000+ activities (content/process/product)
- **SEM-based PBL** — authentic products for S&S
- **PSP** — program assessment evidence for ADE review
- Supports Group B audit trail via GIFT10/GIFT11 cycle

ALIGNMENT TO ARIZONA'S G/T REQUIREMENTS

How Renzulli Learning's instruments and content directly support each of Arizona's expectations for advanced learners:

ARIZONA REQUIREMENT	HOW RENZULLI LEARNING ALIGNS
Mandatory Identification \geq97th Percentile in Verbal, Nonverbal, or Quantitative (§15-779.01)	Renzulli complements — not replaces — district-administered State Board-approved tests. Profiler and CTC provide supplementary evidence for locally developed criteria used to serve students below the 97th percentile threshold (reported as "Other Giftedness" in AzEDS).
Integrated, Differentiated Experience in Content, Process, and Product	Enrichment Database provides 40,000+ activities differentiated in content depth , thinking process complexity , and authentic product creation — directly addressing Arizona's three statutory dimensions of differentiation with activity logs that document compliance.
Scope & Sequence: 10 Elements, Every 4 Years (§15-779.02)	Renzulli provides evidence for four S&S sections directly: curriculum (enrichment database), instruction (differentiated activities), social/emotional (Leadership Assessment + EFA), and program assessment (PSP progress exports + activity logs).
Group B "G" Weight: 0.007 Add-On via AzEDS GIFT10/GIFT11	PSP activity logs and progress reports document that Group B funded students receive appropriate gifted services commensurate with their abilities — supporting the audit trail ADE reviews through the GIFT10/GIFT11 reporting cycle.
Free 2nd-Grade CogAT Universal Screening (SY25-26 Equity Strategy)	Enrichment Database and talent-pool activities support follow-up for all students surfaced by universal screening — including students below the 97th percentile who need enrichment while districts develop locally approved criteria to serve them.
Teacher Endorsement & Scope & Sequence PD Plan Element	Renzulli's enrichment database and PBL tools give any teacher — endorsed or in progress — ready-to-deploy, research-based gifted resources. The S&S PD plan element is supported by Renzulli's certified educator course.

KEY TAKEAWAY

For Arizona districts, Renzulli Learning is the unified platform that operationalizes **A.R.S. §15-779's** distinctive combination of strict numeric eligibility and funded compliance mechanisms. The Profiler, CTC, EFA, and Leadership Assessment complement State Board-approved tests with supplementary evidence — supporting both 97th-percentile students and those served through locally developed criteria; the Enrichment Database and PBL deliver the integrated, differentiated experience Arizona law requires across content, process, and product; and the PSP generates the program assessment evidence the **Scope & Sequence** and **Group B GIFT10/GIFT11** audit trail need — turning compliance into authentic talent development.

WANT THE FULL DETAILS?

This is a 2-page summary. Visit the complete Arizona G/T alignment page for the full statutory analysis, Scope & Sequence guidance, Group B funding details, and FAQs.

renzullilearning.com/en/G-T-Alignment-by-State/Arizona

REFERENCES AND SOURCES REVIEWED

- ADE — Gifted Education Hub (Program overview, Gifted Dashboard, S&S resources)
- A.R.S. §15-779 — Gifted Pupil Definitions; §15-779.02 — Scope & Sequence
- ADE — Mandatory K-12 Gifted Services (district requirements)
- ADE — AzEDS Reporting for Gifted (GIFT10/GIFT11; Group B "G" weight)
- ADE — Gifted Education PreK-12 Endorsement Requirements