

Carroll ISD

FAQ's Regarding Professional Development Requirements for Gifted and Talented

Q: Do I need to earn professional development hours in gifted/talented?

A: The following teachers are required to earn an initial 30 hours of training in gifted/talented education followed by an annual 6-hour update:

- All K-6 classroom teachers
- All 7-12 teachers who teach at least one core subject

NATURE AND NEEDS (6 hours) ONLY PLUS THE ANNUAL 6 HOUR UPDATE

- * All AP and Pre-AP certified teachers
- * All counselors
- * All principals and assistant principals

Q: What are the training requirements for Gifted and Talented Specialists?

A: All Gifted and Talented Specialists must meet the criteria above and have a G/T Certification, G/T Endorsement, or Master's Degree in Gifted Education.

Q: When should hours be earned?

A: The initial 30-hour training should be earned prior to teaching gifted students. If prior training has not been obtained, the 30-hour training must be completed by December 31st or within one semester of the new-hire date. Training is offered in the summer and throughout the year. Training dates span from June 6th to May 31st each school year.

Q: Does it matter what types of sessions I take to earn G/T credit?

A: All training must be pre-approved by the GT/Advanced Academics Coordinator prior to attending a session. The 30-hour training includes the following required strands:

- 6 hours: Nature and Needs of Gifted Students (NN)
- 6 hours: Identification and Assessment of Gifted Students (IA)
- 6 hours: Social and Emotional Needs of Gifted Students (SE)
- 6 hours: Differentiation Strategies (DC)
- 6 hours: Creativity and Instructional Strategies (CIS)

The 6-hour annual update credit may be earned in any strand.

Q: Does the district automatically keep up with my G/T hours?

A: No, you must send copies of certificates documenting earned G/T hours to the GT/Advanced Academics Office.

Q: How often are Pre-AP and AP teachers required to attend a summer College Board Institute? Do these hours count towards G/T credit?

A: The district pays for Pre-AP and AP teachers to attend such an institute once every three years. Teachers must attend an institute before being assigned to a Pre-AP/AP class. Twenty four hours will be applied to the initial 30-hour training.

Q: Where do I find out about professional development opportunities in gifted and talented education?

A: Check Eduphoria regularly for in-district opportunities in the summer and throughout the school year. You will also receive e-mail notification of qualifying out-of-district training opportunities in gifted/talented education.

Approved training hours may also be obtained through attending G/T sessions offered by:

- Region XI Service Center
- The Northeast Tarrant Advanced Academics Consortium (NETAAC)
- HSU – Gifted and Talented Distance-Learning Courses
- SMU – Gifted Students Institute and G/T Courses
- Texas Association for the Gifted and Talented (TAGT)
- National Association for the Gifted and Talented Conference(NAGC)

Q: I would like to attend an out-of-district session that is not on the approved list, what should I do?

A: Complete the Out-of-District Professional Learning Approval Form and submit it to the GT/Advanced Academics Office at least 2 weeks prior to the training to obtain approval. Approval will not be granted after a session has been attended.

Q: Whom should I contact if I still have questions?

A: Please contact Gina Peddy, GT/Advanced Academics Coordinator, at 817-949-7063.