



STATE REQUIREMENTS FOR GT Teacher Training

NEW TEACHERS



The Texas Education Code requires teachers who provide instruction and services to gifted and talented students in the four core subjects to complete 30 hours of training in gifted education. In Cypress-Fairbanks, ISD this means that all teachers of HORIZONS-designated classes must have completed the 30 hours of required coursework **PRIOR TO TEACHING THE HORIZONS CLASS**. The 30 hours must include a minimum of 6 hours of training in each of the following areas:

- IDENTIFICATION & ASSESSMENT (foundation – A)**
- NATURE & NEEDS (foundation – N)**
- CURRICULUM (foundation – C)**

The remaining 12 hours may include any courses approved for GT credit. New credit will not be awarded to courses taken more than once. **(A, A1; N, N1; C, C1)**

Yearly 6-hour Update for GT TEACHERS



The Texas Education Code requires teachers who provide services to gifted and talented students in the four core subjects to take 6 hours of GT workshop hours each year. For inclusion on the spring GT transcript, the 6-hour updates must be completed by **APRIL 30th each year**. The GT staff development course offerings will include new, non-repeat courses. Teachers of gifted students who are not assigned to teach HORIZONS classes are not required to obtain the update.

NOTE:

Courses eligible for the required 30 hours or the 6-hour update include Region IV and district workshops approved for GT credit. In addition, courses taken outside the district, such as AP courses or conferences, may be eligible for whole or partial credit, but they **MUST HAVE PRIOR APPROVAL FROM THE HORIZONS COORDINATOR**. Pre-AP courses are not eligible for credit towards the required 30 hours.

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