



STATE REQUIREMENTS for GT Teacher Training

New GT 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, teachers of HORIZONS-designated classes must have completed 30 hours of required Gifted and Talented training **PRIOR TO TEACHING ANY HORIZONS – gifted -- CLASS**. The 30 hours must include a minimum of 6 hours of training in each of the following FOUNDATION areas:

IDENTIFICATION & ASSESSMENT (foundation – A)

NATURE & NEEDS or **SOCIAL/EMOTIONAL NEEDS** (foundation – N)

CURRICULUM DIFFERENTIATION or **CREATIVITY AND INSTRUCTIONAL STRATEGIES** (foundation – C)

TRAINING REQUIREMENTS: All classes may be taken face-to-face or online.

- 18 hours of foundation classes (A, N, C)
- 12 hours of any approved GT class (A1, N1, and C1)

Classes labeled A1, C1, and N1 are NOT foundation classes; instead, they are additional classes offered in the three required areas – Identification and Assessment, Nature & Needs, Curriculum. Besides foundation hours, these also must be taken to complete the 30-hour GT training requirement.

****Hours will not be awarded for taking identical classes more than once by the same presenter.**

REQUIRED 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 training each year. To include the hours on the spring GT transcript, 6-hour updates must be completed by **APRIL 30 of each year**. Teachers who are not assigned to teach HORIZONS classes are not required to obtain the update.

Teachers may not retake the same class within three calendar years.

NOTE: Courses eligible for the required 30 hours or the 6-hour update include, but are not limited to Region 4 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 attendees **must have prior approval** by submitting the approved form.

For QUESTIONS REGARDING GT TRAINING CLASSES, CONTACT

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