

## **Requirements for GATE Certification 2022-23**

This document describes the requirements for teachers to obtain and maintain certification to work with Gifted and Talented students at the elementary level.

**You will find the current forms that can be used to record your hours on our [District webpage](#) or in your school's [GATE Google Drive folder](#).**

- Record the hours you have completed.
- Attach all documentation (Sign-in Sheets, Agendas, Certificates, Lesson Plans, etc.).
- Have your principal sign off on the hours that you have completed.
- Send the form and the evidence of the hours to Tracey Nelson in the Sanborn Building.
- We will then document your Initial Certificate completion, Re- authorization, or Renewal in our system. We will send back all original documents along with a certificate verifying you have completed the hours.
- To see if your log has been received, please check your school's GATE Google Drive folder.
- GATE Leadership Committee will notify all site administrators of certification status at the end of the year.

**You may send your logs/documentation to Tracey Nelson any time during the school year.**

*We cannot send individual confirmations, but you can check to see if your log has been received by looking in your school's GATE Google Drive folder.*

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[Initial Certification \(40 Hours\)](#)

[Re-Authorization \(10 Hours\)](#)

[Renewal \(5 Hours\)](#)

## INITIAL CERTIFICATION

- I. **GATE Initial Certification:** Open to all classroom teachers who are interested in receiving GATE certification to support student learning in their classrooms.

*To complete the GATE Initial Certification, each participant must complete **40 hours** of professional development related to Gifted Education during the 2 year cohort.*

- **20 hours** of after-school training provided by OCDE [on specified dates](#).
- **20 hours** to plan, implement, and reflect on lessons using the course content provided during the after-school training. A professional portfolio of lessons, work samples, and reflections will be compiled during the 2 year program. *The 20 hours MAY also include some of the following activities, as assigned by the course instructors:*
  - Attend a GATE workshop/conference (OCC GATE Conference; annual CAG Conference)
  - Attend GATE parent meetings at the school site
  - Plan with grade level/school site/zone GATE teachers (principal must sign an agenda or lesson plans created as a result of the meeting(s))
    - Lesson plan must indicate specifically where lesson content is connected to GATE strategies
    - Attach student materials to lesson plan with GATE strategies clearly included in materials
  - Read and reflect on one or more articles from a scholarly journal related to gifted education (one hour per article). Article and the [Reflection Form](#) must be attached to renewal log.
  - Participate and reflect on webinars associated with gifted education (one hour per webinar). [Reflection Form](#) must be attached to renewal log.
  - Complete pre-approved classes related to gifted education at an accredited university (see the UCI or CSUF websites for suggestions)

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### ***Alternate option to District Certification:***

Completion of a Certificate in Gifted Education from an accredited university or prior District. Documentation must be submitted to the GATE Leadership team for review.

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## RE-AUTHORIZATION

- II. **GATE Certificate Re-authorization:** Teachers who have completed initial GATE Certification through NMUSD or possess a Certificate in Gifted Education but have not renewed their certification on an annual basis.

*To complete the GATE Certificate Re-authorization, each participant must complete **10 hours** of professional development related to Gifted Education. \**

- **4 hours** of after-school training. [View NMUSD/OCDE GATE Courses here.](#)
- **6 hours** to be selected by the teacher from the following:
  - Attend a GATE workshop/conference (OCC GATE Conference, annual CAG Conference, etc.)
  - Attend GATE parent meetings at the school site
  - Plan with grade level/school site/zone GATE teachers (principal must sign an agenda or lesson plans created as a result of the meeting(s))
    - Lesson plan must indicate specifically where lesson content is connected to GATE strategies
    - Attach student materials to lesson plan with GATE strategies clearly included in materials
  - Read and reflect on one or more articles from a scholarly journal related to gifted education (one hour per article). Article and the [Reflection Form](#) must be attached to renewal log.
  - Participate and reflect on webinars associated with gifted education (one hour per webinar). [Reflection Form](#) must be attached to renewal log.
  - Complete pre-approved classes related to gifted education at an accredited university (see the UCI or CSUF websites for suggestions)
  - If you have any additional ideas to earn your hours, please send them to Lori Hernandez for prior approval.

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\*Serving as a GATE Site Coordinator may count towards 2 hours of GATE Certificate Re- authorization or GATE Certificate Renewal.

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## RENEWAL

III. **GATE Certificate Renewal:** Teachers who have completed initial GATE Certification through NMUSD or possess a Certificate in Gifted Education and have renewed their certification on an annual basis.

*To maintain their GATE Certification, each participant must annually complete **5 hours** of professional development related to Gifted Education. \**

- **5 hours** to be selected by the teacher from the following:
  - Attend a GATE workshop/conference (OCC GATE Conference, annual CAG Conference, etc.)
  - Attend GATE parent meetings at the school site
  - Plan with grade level/school site/zone GATE teachers (principal must sign an agenda or lesson plans created as a result of the meeting(s))
    - Lesson plan must indicate specifically where lesson content is connected to GATE strategies
    - Attach student materials to lesson plan with GATE strategies clearly included in materials
  - Read and reflect on one or more articles from a scholarly journal related to gifted education (one hour per article). Article and the [Reflection Form](#) must be attached to renewal log.
  - Participate and reflect on webinars associated with gifted education (one hour per webinar). [Reflection Form](#) must be attached to renewal log.
  - Complete pre-approved classes related to gifted education at an accredited university (see the UCI or CSUF websites for suggestions)
  - If you have any additional ideas to earn your hours, please send them to Lori Hernandez for prior approval.

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