



2025-2026 GIFTED ENDORSEMENT COURSES SCHEDULE

The following five modules are offered by FDLRS Galaxy AT NO COST to satisfy the course requirements for the Gifted Endorsement (300 hours), for educators in Indian River, Martin, Okeechobee and St. Lucie Counties. Other districts may be served. Dates and modules subject to change.

MODULE	DESCRIPTION	2025-2026
Theory and Development of Creativity	Theory and Development of Creativity module provides an overview of the theory, research, practical strategies and resources on creativity, with an emphasis on classroom application in the gifted classroom.	July 21, 2025 – September 30, 2025
Guidance and Counseling for the Gifted	The Guidance and Counseling of Gifted Students module provides an overview of the theory, research, practical strategies, and resources on guidance and counseling, with an emphasis on classroom application in the gifted classroom.	September 22, 2025 – December 16, 2025
Education of Special Populations of Gifted Students	The Education of Special Populations of Gifted Students module provides an overview of the challenges and issues that face populations of gifted students as they struggle to gain acceptance, recognition, and access to appropriate gifted education to meet their individual needs.	December 1, 2025 – February 26, 2026
Curriculum and Instructional Strategies for the Gifted	Curriculum and Instructional Strategies for Teaching Gifted Students provides an analysis of curriculum modifications for gifted learners based on the National Association of Gifted Children (NAGC) Standards for Graduate Programs in Gifted Education.	March 2, 2026 – May 28, 2026
Nature & Needs of the Gifted	Nature and Needs of Gifted Students provides an overview of the evolution of gifted education on the national, state and local level. Major events affecting gifted education are described as well as major policies, and procedures governing the delivery of gifted education. Cognitive, social, and emotional characteristics common to individuals who are gifted are identified along with strategies that can be used to meet the academic needs of different categories of students who are gifted.	TBD

Each online gifted endorsement course is 8-10 weeks long. Courses offer flexibility to work at your convenience and are completely online. The Gifted Endorsement courses can be taken in any order.

Modules will be advertised on FDLRS Website, www.fdlrsgalaxy.org under Educator Resources, Gifted or Professional Development. Contact Maryssa.Block@stlucieschools.org with any questions. The Teacher Education Add-on Program for Certification in the Gifted Endorsement is designed to provide teachers local access to professional learning and to address Florida's critical teacher shortages in programs for ESE. The target audience are teachers assigned out-of-field in gifted programs; however, the modules are appropriate for certification renewal and /or professional learning. Priority will be given to teachers who are currently teaching gifted students and/or are out-of-field, and not on first come first service. Enrollment is limited to 30 participants. Credits earned through this program may not be used for college or university credits. It will be the responsibility of the participant to verify with their local staff development office and/or the Florida Department of Education certification office any additional certification requirements.

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