PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT:
GT, HONORS, AND AP REQUIRED TRAINING DMA(R2)

Administrators and Counselors

Administrators and Counselors who have the authority for program decisions must have a minimum of 6 hours of professional development annually that includes nature and needs of gifted/talented students and program options.

K-6 Teachers Serving Gifted Students (Texas Administrative Code §89.2):

1) Teachers who are assigned a GT cluster group or teachers who serve as GT Specialists must have a minimum of 30 hours of GT professional development prior to or within the first semester of assignment. The 30 hours includes 6 hours in each of the following:
    - Nature and needs
    - Identification and assessment
    - Social and emotional needs
    - Instructional strategies
    - Differentiation

2) Following the initial 30 core hours of GT professional development, teachers who are assigned a GT cluster group or teachers who serve as GT pull-out teachers must receive a minimum of 6 hours of professional development in gifted education annually.

7-12 Teachers of Honors and Advanced Placement Core Content Areas

1) Pre-Advanced Placement and Advanced Placement core content area teachers must have a minimum of 30 hours of GT professional development prior to or within the first semester of assignment. The 30 hours includes 6 hours in each of the following:
    - Nature and needs
    - Identification and assessment
    - Social and emotional needs
    - Instructional strategies*
    - Differentiation*

2) Following the initial 30 core hours of GT professional development, teachers of Honors and Advanced Placement core content areas must receive a minimum of 6 hours of professional development in gifted education annually.

3) Honors and Advanced Placement Teachers are encouraged to attend an AP Summer Institute once every four years, as funds allow.

Attending the AP Summer Institute earns 12 GT core hours in the areas of instructional strategies and differentiation. If the original 30 core hours of GT professional development have been earned, then

teachers attending the AP Summer Institute will earn the required annual six-hour GT update. Additional information regarding AP Summer Institute can be found at the College Board Web Site.

^*The initial 30-hour staff development requirement does not apply if a teacher holds a Gifted & Talented Endorsement or a Gifted & Talented Supplemental Certificate.*