
Seminar Task Force 2007

Program Analysis Committee Report

Purpose of the committee:

- To analyze current state of the Seminar program
 - To reflect on strengths and needs
 - To propose recommendations for ongoing improvement
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Methodology:

- Establish stakeholder focus groups
 - Examine task force data
 - Gather additional information
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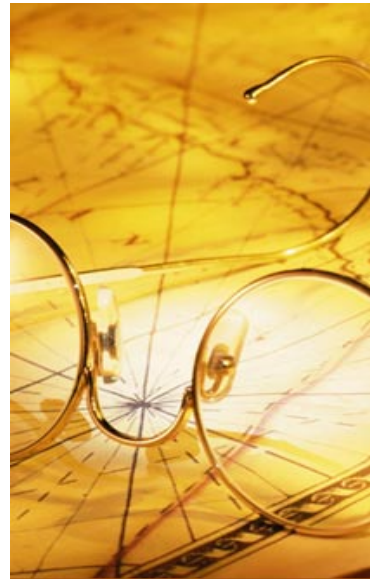


Concerns and Recommendations



10. Expand leadership support for Seminar.

- Offer clear definition of Seminar.
- Require adherence to GATE standards.
- Assign trained personnel.



9. Provide for students with dual exceptionalities.



- Increase awareness.
- Provide programs and staffing.
- Support stakeholders.

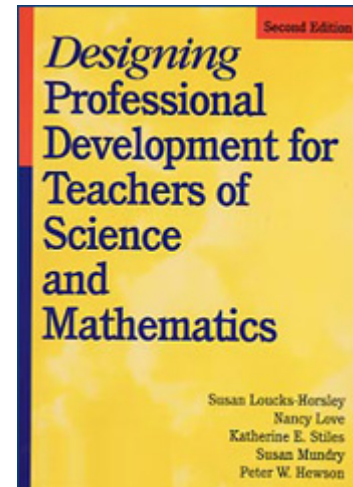
8. Increase parent participation.

- Hold Seminar parent meetings.
- Offer educational and advocacy opportunities.
- Increase outreach.



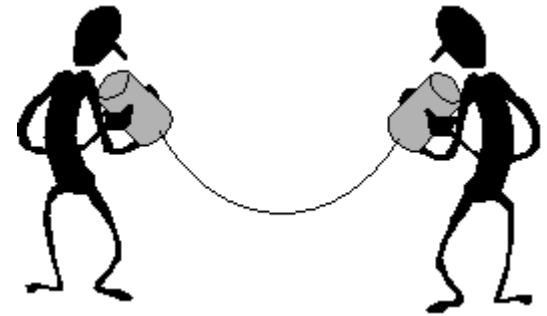
7. Offer professional development specific to Seminar.

- Provide training specific to teaching Seminar.
- Create Seminar certification.
- Educate administrators, counselors, and parents of Seminar students.



6. Improve communication for all stakeholders.

- Reinststate programs to showcase Seminar.
- Obtain more accurate data.
- Organize Seminar vertical teams.



5. Offer uniformly rigorous instruction and curriculum to Seminar students.

- Maintain a network of highly qualified Seminar teachers.
- Align Seminar teacher qualifications with teaching assignments.
- Provide more mentoring and support.



4. Strive to better meet the social and emotional needs of Seminar students.

- Emphasize affective curriculum.
- Offer counseling support for Seminar students and parents.
- Provide for student interests both in and out of class.



3. Maintain Seminar class size at 20-1.

- Provides safe haven for overexcitabilities.
- Allows for depth and breadth of instruction.
- Creates community of like-minded learners.



2. Maintain and increase funding as needed.

- Provide for additional classes and programs (CPU's).
- Clarify CPU allocation to sites.
- Look into possible grants.
- Increase personnel.



1. Allow access for all Seminar-qualified students.

- Provide sufficient space at resident schools.
- Offer rigorous curriculum in all four core subjects.
- Examine the Seminar application process.
- Investigate non-participation of Seminar-qualified students.



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- Continue to provide Seminar choice.