

**SAN DIEGO CITY SCHOOLS**

**Date:** June 1, 2005

**To:** Elementary and Secondary School Principals

**Subject:** GIFTED AND TALENTED EDUCATION  
TEACHER CERTIFICATION APPLICATION

**Department and/or Persons Concerned:** Elementary and Secondary Teachers Requesting Gifted and Talented Education (GATE) Certification

**Due Date:** June 30, 2005

**Reference:** California Administrative Code Title 5, Section 3855, Article 4

**Action Requested:** Announce to faculty and post circular. Duplicate applications for interested candidates. Applications due to GATE Department by June 30, 2005

**Brief Explanation:**

California Administrative Code Title 5, Section 3855, Article 4, stipulates that all elementary and secondary teachers with a major assignment in the area of gifted education must demonstrate appropriate characteristics, knowledge, and skills in this field.

San Diego City Schools requires GATE certification for all elementary Seminar and Cluster teachers, and all secondary teachers teaching two or more sections of GATE. Any teacher with an assignment that requires certification must either hold a GATE certificate or have a current application for a certification class on file when he/she begins the assignment. Teachers receive GATE certification by complying with one of the following: a San Diego City Schools GATE certificate, a graduate certificate in gifted education from an accredited university, or a master's degree in gifted education. Priority for enrollment will go to those teachers assigned to GATE classes at schools with programs recognized by the Board of Education.

The GATE Department will offer **four sessions of GATE teacher certification for 2005-2006:**

**First Semester dates:**

**Session I (elementary)** dates (Saturdays) are September 24, October 1, 15, 29, December 3, and 10, 2005. Priority will be given to those teachers assigned a GATE class. Classes meet at SDSU, North Education Building, Room 60, from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. Additional evening classes are required: Distinguished Lecture Series from 4 p.m. to 6:00 p.m., located in the Madison High School Auditorium, (date TBA); and/or Association of San Diego Educators of the Gifted (ASDEG) conference January 21, 2006; and/or Advanced Placement Conference (date TBA).

**Session II (secondary)** dates (Tuesdays) are September 20, 27, October 4, 11, 25, November 1, 15, 29, December 6, and 13, 2005. Priority will be given to those teachers assigned to two or more sections of GATE. Classes will be held at Madison High School in the student cafeteria from 3:45-6:45 p.m. Additional evening classes are required: Distinguished Lecture Series from 4 p.m. to 6:00 p.m., located in the Madison High School Auditorium, (date TBA); and/or Association of San Diego Educators of the Gifted (ASDEG) conference January 21, 2006; and/or Advanced Placement Conference (date TBA).

**Second semester dates:**

**Session III (secondary)** dates (Saturdays) are January 21, February 4, March 11, 25, April 29, and May 6, 2006. Classes meet at SDSU, North Education Building, Room 60, from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. Priority will be given to those teachers assigned to two or more sections of GATE. Additional evening classes are required: Distinguished Lecture Series from 4 p.m. to 6:00 p.m., located in the Madison High School Auditorium, (date TBA); and/or Association of San Diego Educators of the Gifted (ASDEG) conference January 21, 2006; and/or Advanced Placement Conference (date TBA).

**Session IV (elementary only)** dates (Saturdays) are January 28, February 25, March 18, 25, April 1, and May 6, 2006. Classes will meet at SDSU, North Education Building Room 60, from 8:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Additional evening classes are required: Distinguished Lecture Series from 4 p.m. to 6:00 p.m., located in the Madison High School Auditorium, (date TBA); and/or Association of San Diego Educators of the Gifted (ASDEG) conference January 21, 2006; and/or Advanced Placement Conference (date TBA).

When registering for ASDEG, GATE funds may be used if you are teaching a GATE class. PEP funds can also be used. You will need to pay or have your school site fund this event to attend the conference.

Teachers must attend all sessions or make arrangements for appropriate make-up assignments or sessions and satisfactorily complete all assignments to be awarded the GATE certificate. Substitute teachers are not eligible to register for district certification.

**Attached is the application for certification classes.** Duplicate application form for all interested candidates. **Please forward a completed application to the GATE Office, Madison High School, Room B-5, by June 30, 2005. Applications may also be faxed to 858-637-6215.**

Confirmation notices for Sessions I and II will be sent out in August. Confirmation notices for Sessions III and IV will be sent out in November. Every effort will be made to place applicants with their first choice class.

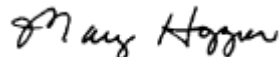
Teachers accepted for GATE certification classes have the following three options:

- Take district GATE certification course through San Diego City Schools at no cost.
- Pay for three (3) units of salary advancement credit at \$150.00 through the Discover Program.
- Pay for three (3) graduate units through SDSU. This option will provide the opportunity to apply this three-unit course to a university GATE certificate of 15 units, which in turn is applicable to a master's degree in special education with a focus on gifted education.

Questions regarding the GATE district certification process may be directed to the GATE office at (858) 573-5998.

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Attachment

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San Diego City Schools  
Office of School Site Support  
Instruction and Curriculum  
Gifted and Talented Education Department

APPLICATION FOR CERTIFICATION-TEACHER OF THE GIFTED  
2005-2006

Return this completed application to the GATE Office, Madison High School, Room B-5, by June 30, 2005. Duplicate the application for interested candidates.

**Please note: Substitute teachers are not eligible to register for district certification.**

**PART I. TEACHER PORTION:**

NAME OF APPLICANT \_\_\_\_\_ SCHOOL \_\_\_\_\_

Please print clearly

SCHOOL PHONE \_\_\_\_\_ e-mail \_\_\_\_\_ School ID # \_\_\_\_\_ Employee ID # \_\_\_\_\_

HOME PHONE \_\_\_\_\_

HOME ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_  
Street City Zip

GRADE LEVEL ASSIGNMENT FOR 2005-2006 \_\_\_\_\_

**Secondary Only:** Two assigned sections are: \_\_\_\_\_  
(must be completed)

**PART II. TEACHER SELECTION:**

Check the session preferred in order of priority. See circular for confirmation of dates

Session I \_\_\_\_\_ Session II \_\_\_\_\_ Session III \_\_\_\_\_ Session IV \_\_\_\_\_  
Saturday, Elementary Tuesday, Secondary Saturday, Secondary Saturday, Elementary

**PART III. SITE ADMINISTRATOR PORTION:**

\_\_\_\_\_ Please check if teacher will be or is assigned to a GATE class for the 2005-2006 academic year.

\_\_\_\_\_ Please check if teacher is interested in GATE certificate as personal professional development.

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**Principal's Signature (Required)**

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Date

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**Teacher's Signature (Required)**

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Date

Please send this application to the GATE Office Madison High School B-5, or fax 858-637-6215. Please note the deadline date of June 30, 2005.