

**SAN DIEGO UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT**

**Date:** May 15, 2008

**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, 2008

**Reference:** California Code of Regulations Title 5, 3831, Article 7

**Action Requested:** Announce to faculty and post circular. Duplicate applications for  
interested candidates. Applications due to GATE Department by  
June 30, 2008

**Brief Explanation:**

California Code of Regulations Title 5, 3831, Article 7, stipulates that all elementary and secondary teachers with a major assignment in the area of gifted education must demonstrate knowledge of appropriate characteristics, and skills in this field.

San Diego Unified School District requires GATE certification for all GATE Seminar and GATE Cluster teachers. 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 Unified School District GATE certificate, a graduate certificate in gifted education from an accredited university, or a master's degree in gifted education.

**GATE certification for the '08 -'09 school year will first be available to any teachers who need to complete their GATE certification.** *If there is space available, a qualified teacher may enroll in all seven modules between September 2008 and May 2009. Each module requires outside readings and assignments.* Of the two sections offered, each section will be limited to 35 participants. Priority for enrollment will be given to teachers assigned to a GATE class and those completing their certification training.

On the attached application, teachers must select a class starting time. The GATE certification classes will meet at San Diego State University (SDSU). Room assignments will be listed on each teacher's confirmation. Module 7 will include experiences such as the Distinguished Lecture Series, the Association of San Diego Educators of the Gifted (ASDEG) Conference, and/or the Advanced Placement Conference for secondary teachers. Teachers are responsible for payment of class materials, events and conferences. Site GATE funds may be used for payment of these items upon approval of the principal.

Questions about the GATE Certification process may be directed to the GATE Office at 858-573-5988 or 858-573-5998

Modules scheduled for 2008-2009

**Fall semester dates and modules:**

Section A: 8:00 to 10:00 a.m. or Section B: 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Please select a time for each module. You must attend all classes in each module to receive credit for the module.

Module 1: **GATE Student Characteristics/Social-Emotional Needs**  
Saturdays: September 13; September 27; October 18, 2008

Module 2: **Instructional Strategies**  
Saturdays: October 4; November 1; December 6, 2008

Module 3: **Curriculum Differentiation I**  
Saturdays: October 11; November 15; December 13, 2008

**Spring semester dates and modules:**

Module 4: **Assessment and Management**  
Saturdays: January 31; February 21; March 14, 2009

Module 5: **Diversity (Online course)**  
Saturdays: February 28; March 21; May 16, 2009

Module 6: **Curriculum Differentiation II**  
Saturdays: March 14; March 28; May 9, 2009

Module 7: **Professional Activities**

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

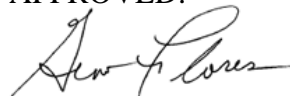
**Attached is the application for certification classes.** Please duplicate the application form for all interested candidates. **Each applicant must forward a completed application to the GATE Office, Madison High School, Room B-6, by June 30, 2008. Applications may also be faxed to 858-637-6214.** Confirmation notices for fall and spring sessions will be sent out in late August.

Teachers accepted for GATE certification classes have the following options:

- Pay for three (3) units of salary advancement credit through the Discover Program.
- Pay for three (3) graduate units through San Diego State University. This option can provide the opportunity to apply this three-unit course to a University GATE certificate which is applicable to a master's degree in special education with a focus in gifted education. (You will be notified of the cost once you are accepted)

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Gifted and Talented Education Department

APPROVED:



Geno Flores  
Office of the Deputy Superintendent

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Attachment

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San Diego Unified School District  
Office of the Deputy Superintendent  
Curriculum and Instruction Division  
Gifted and Talented Education Department

**APPLICATION FOR CERTIFICATION-TEACHER OF THE GIFTED  
2008-2009**

Return this completed application to the GATE Office, Madison High School, Room B-6, by June 30, 2008. You may duplicate the application for interested candidates at your site.

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

**PART I. TEACHER INFORMATION:**

NAME OF APPLICANT \_\_\_\_\_ District ID # \_\_\_\_\_ e-mail \_\_\_\_\_  
Please print clearly

SCHOOL \_\_\_\_\_ SCHOOL PHONE \_\_\_\_\_ Ext. \_\_\_\_\_

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

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

**PART II. TEACHER SELECTION:**

This is a one-year course. You must sign up for both fall and spring semester at the same time. Check the sessions preferred for each semester. See circular for title of module and dates. **Due to course work involved in GATE Certification, students enrolled in other graduate programs are encouraged to apply at a later date.**

**FALL SEMESTER:**

Module 1: \_\_\_\_\_ 8:00 to 10:00 a.m.  
\_\_\_\_\_ 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.  
Module 2: \_\_\_\_\_ 8:00 to 10:00 a.m.  
\_\_\_\_\_ 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.  
Module 3: \_\_\_\_\_ 8:00 to 10:00 a.m.  
\_\_\_\_\_ 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

**SPRING SEMESTER**

Module 4: \_\_\_\_\_ 8:00 to 10:00 a.m.  
\_\_\_\_\_ 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.  
Module 5: \_\_\_\_\_ 8:00 to 10:00 a.m.  
\_\_\_\_\_ 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.  
Module 6: \_\_\_\_\_ 8:00 to 10:00 a.m.  
\_\_\_\_\_ 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

**PART III. SITE ADMINISTRATOR PORTION:**

\_\_\_\_\_ Please check if teacher will be or is assigned to a GATE class for the 2008-2009 academic year.

GRADE LEVEL ASSIGNMENT FOR 2008-2009 \_\_\_\_\_

**Secondary Only:** Two or more assigned sections are: \_\_\_\_\_  
(Must be completed)

\_\_\_\_\_  
**Principal's Signature (Required)**

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

\_\_\_\_\_  
**Teacher's Signature (Required)**

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

**Please send this application to:  
GATE Office Madison High School, B6 or fax 858-637-6214 by June 30, 2008.**