



Los Angeles Unified School District  
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# GATE/SAS Coordinator's Fall 2017 Newsletter

Welcome to another exciting school year! We hope everyone had a restful summer break. As the Gifted/Talented Programs unit embarks upon this new academic year, our team is committed to work with you to address the needs of our diverse population of gifted/talented and high-ability learners through collaboration, targeted support, and research-based, innovative practices.

We are pleased to announce that this academic year there will be Gifted and Talented Education professional development opportunities available to teachers, GATE coordinators, and administrators. As you share with your staff the 2017-2018 GATE professional learning opportunities, please remind them of the District recommendation that all teachers of gifted/talented students participate in a minimum of 16 hours of GATE-specific professional development annually (four hours for administrators). However, this is a District requirement for Schools for Advanced Studies (SAS) sites. The GATE professional development record (available on Coordinator's Corner at <http://achieve.lausd.net/gate>) should be used to log training participation.

## GATE/SAS Coordinator Meetings

The purpose of the GATE/SAS coordinator meetings is to provide information and support regarding school site GATE/SAS implementation. GATE coordinators may attend one meeting date at any location. (Note: To maintain a school's SAS site designation and/or be eligible for future SAS designation, principals are required to send a representative to fall and spring coordinator meetings.) Fall 2017 meetings are scheduled throughout the month of September in each local district. Each meeting includes two sessions:

- Session One: 3:30 - 5:00 p.m. - Opening Meeting for All GATE/SAS Coordinators (does not require pre-registration)
- Session Two: 5:00 - 6:00 p.m. - Small Group Training for New GATE/SAS Coordinators (optional; pre-registration recommended on MyPLN for this portion of the training)

## Gifted/Talented Programs

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## Save the Date - GATE/SAS Coordinator Meeting Schedule

**LD Northeast:** Grant HS

Thursday, 9/7/17 - 3:30 to 6:00 p.m.

**LD Northwest:** Nobel MS

Monday, 9/11/17 - 3:30 to 6:00 p.m.

**LD South:** White MS

Thursday, 9/14/17 - 3:30 to 6:00 p.m.

**LD East:** Stevenson MS

Monday, 9/18/17 - 3:30 to 6:00 p.m.

**LD West:** Loyola Village ES

Monday, 9/25/17 - 3:30 to 6:00 p.m.

**LD Central:** Virgil MS

Thursday, 9/28/17 - 3:30 to 6:00 p.m.

## Small Group Gifted Identification Trainings

Optional small group trainings are offered for administrators and coordinators on a variety of topics, including initiating gifted referrals in all seven District gifted and talented categories of identification and the referral, screening and identification of students from diverse and underrepresented populations. The District recommends that new GATE/SAS coordinators participate in the small group trainings. To register, go to MyPLN at <http://achieve.lausd.net/mypln>. Questions about small group trainings can be directed to Michelle Papazyan, District Specialist, at (213) 241-6500.

## GATE Salary Point Classes

GATE salary point classes are designed to train and support teachers and administrators on how to provide appropriate differentiated curriculum and instruction for their gifted/talented learners. Class offerings range from introductory to advanced and address how to apply the “non-negotiables” of gifted instruction: depth, complexity, novelty, and acceleration. To register, go to the Learning Zone at <https://lz.lausd.net>. Go to Class Offerings under Quick Links. Click and scroll Program menu and select Gifted/Talented Programs. (Registration is open throughout the academic year. Classes are typically posted five weeks prior to the start date.) Questions about GATE salary point classes can be directed to Dr. Lucy Hunt, District Coordinator, at (213) 241-6500.

## ONLINE GATE PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

New online trainings on topics related to gifted/talented education are now available for registration on MyPLN. These training opportunities are highly recommended for teachers, GATE coordinators, and administrators who desire to increase their understanding of the unique needs, interests, and abilities of gifted/high ability learners. Successful completion of each class will earn the participant one to two hours of professional development in gifted and talented education. (A certificate of completion can be printed from MyPLN.) To register go to: <http://achieve.lausd.net/mypln> and click on Search. Under Training, select Curriculum (stack of books) and type in GATE to find the training sessions offered by Gifted/Talented Programs.



## GATE Conferences

Please save the dates for the following large-scale GATE professional development events:

**Saturday, December 2, 2017:** *Annual Symposium on Gifted Education* (Location to be announced. Detailed registration information is forthcoming.)

**Saturday, June 2, 2018:** *44th Annual Los Angeles City/County GATE Conference, Whole New Ballgame: Revolutionizing Gifted Education* at the Skirball Cultural Center (“Early bird” registration is now available at <http://www.giftedchildrenla.org>.)

Thank you for your dedication and hard work. For more information, visit the Coordinator’s Corner on our updated website at [achieve.lausd.net/gate](http://achieve.lausd.net/gate). If you would like to be added to our email distribution list, please email Erin Yoshida-Ehrmann ([emy2142@lausd.net](mailto:emy2142@lausd.net)). We look forward to working with you this year as we collectively strive to meet the unique needs of LAUSD’s gifted/high ability learners.