

**SAN DIEGO CITY SCHOOLS**

**Date:** June 9, 2006

**To:** Elementary and Secondary School Principals

**Subject:** GIFTED AND TALENTED EDUCATION  
TEACHER CERTIFICATION APPLICATION FOR 2006-07

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

**Due Date:** July 30, 2006

**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 July 30, 2006

**Brief Explanation:**

California Administrative Code Title 5, 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 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. GATE certification by complying with one: 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. Priority for enrollment in district classes will go to those teachers assigned to GATE classes at schools with programs having an insufficient number of GATE certified teachers.

To earn a GATE certificate, a teacher must take seven modules, in any order, over a two-year period. Teachers are urged to take one or two modules a semester and will have up to two years to complete GATE certification. Two sections of each module will be offered every year, with each section limited to 35 participants. Each module will include some associated readings and one or two products. Module 7 may include independent study experiences such as the Distinguished Lecture Series, Association of San Diego Educators of the Gifted (ASDEG) Conference, Advanced Placement Conference for high school teachers, online courses, etc. The plan for independent study will be developed by the instructor and participant.

The GATE certification classes will meet at San Diego State University (SDSU). Class materials, events and conference costs can be paid for by the participant or the school site

**Fall semester dates and modules:**

Section A: 8:00 to 10:00 a.m.

Section B: 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

Module 1: **GATE Student Characteristics/Social-Emotional Needs**  
Saturdays: September 16, September 30, October 14

Module 2: **Instructional Strategies**  
Saturdays: September 9, October 7, November 4

Module 3: **Curriculum Differentiation I**  
Saturdays: September 23, October 28, December 2

**Spring semester dates and modules:**

Section A: 8:00 to 10:00 a.m.

Section B: 10:30 to 12:30 p.m

Module 4: **Assessment and Management**  
Saturdays: January 20, February 3, February 24

Module 5: **Diversity: Twice Exceptional/Special Needs**  
Saturdays: January 27, March 10, March 24

Module 6: **Curriculum Differentiation II**  
Saturdays: March 3, March 17, April 28

Module 7: **Independent Study TBA**

Teachers must attend all sessions or make arrangements with the instructor for appropriate make-up assignments or sessions, and must satisfactorily complete assignments in order to earn 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 July 30, 2006. 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 SDSU. 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 on gifted education
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Questions about the GATE Certification process may be directed to the GATE Office at 858-573-5988, 858-573-5992, or 858-573-5998.

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Attachment

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San Diego City Schools  
Office of the Deputy Superintendent  
Instruction and Curriculum Division  
Gifted and Talented Education Department

**APPLICATION FOR CERTIFICATION-TEACHER OF THE GIFTED  
2006-2007**

Return this completed application to the GATE Office, Madison High School, Room B-6, by July 30, 2006.

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

**PART I. TEACHER INFORMATION:**

NAME \_\_\_\_\_ EMPLOYEE ID # \_\_\_\_\_ E-MAIL \_\_\_\_\_  
Please print clearly

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

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

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

**PART II. MODULE SELECTION:**

This is a two-year course. It is recommended that teachers only sign up for 1 or 2 modules a semester. **Due to the course work involved in GATE certification, students enrolled in other graduate programs are encouraged to apply at a later date.** Sign up for both fall and spring semester at the same time. Indicate the module number(s) and time(s) preferred for each semester. See circular for title of module, dates and times.

**FALL Semester # of modules** \_\_\_\_\_ **SPRING Semester # of modules** \_\_\_\_\_

First Choice: module \_\_\_\_\_ time \_\_\_\_\_ First Choice: module \_\_\_\_\_ time \_\_\_\_\_  
Second Choice: module \_\_\_\_\_ time \_\_\_\_\_ Second Choice: module \_\_\_\_\_ time \_\_\_\_\_  
Third Choice: module \_\_\_\_\_ time \_\_\_\_\_ Third Choice: module \_\_\_\_\_ time \_\_\_\_\_

**PART III. SITE ADMINISTRATOR PORTION:**

\_\_\_\_\_ Please check if teacher will be or is assigned to a GATE class for the 2006-2007 academic year.

**Elementary:** Grade level assignment for 2006-2007 \_\_\_\_\_

**Secondary:** Course titles of two or more assigned GATE sections:

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(Must be completed)

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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:  
GATE Office, Madison High School, B-6 or fax 858-637-6214 by July 30, 2006.**  
Please note: Form will be returned if information is missing.