

Professional Development in Gifted and Talented Education

The Gifted and Talented Program at the Office of Public Instruction, in cooperation with the Regional Service Areas (RSAs), offers **free** consultation and trainings for educators in meeting the needs of high-ability/high-potential learners.

Level I: Best Practices in Gifted Education

This three-hour training is intended to identify, explore and develop awareness and a basic understanding of the Best Practices in Gifted Education. Materials are provided and the following topics will be addressed:

- Identification
- Curriculum and Instruction for high-ability/high-potential students
- Management
- Social/Emotional
- Professional development
- Support services
- Program evaluation

Level II: Implementing Programs and Services (four separate modules)

- 1. *Characteristics that indicate student need***— Philosophy and Identification of students (6 hours)
- 2. *Matching services to student need***—Curriculum and Instruction for advanced learners (6 hours)
- 3. *Removing barriers to student learning***—Management of a continuum of services, including grouping practices, acceleration, RTI and differentiated instruction (6 hours)
- 4. *Response to Intervention***: Using the RTI model to meet the needs of advanced learners (3 hours)

Consulting Services

Consulting services are available to small groups (3-4) of schools/districts
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