

Gifted & Talented Teaching Endorsement

During the 2020-2021 school year, Jordan School District will offer coursework for a gifted and talented (GT) teaching endorsement in partnership with Southern Utah University.

How will a GT teaching endorsement benefit me?

- A GT endorsement will build a knowledge base about an important sector of education.
- A GT endorsement will help teachers build a repertoire of strategies to challenge **all** students by adding depth, complexity, higher-order thinking, and creativity to daily instruction.
- A GT endorsement will help teachers develop differentiation strategies to better meet the unique needs of high-ability learners in **all** classrooms.
- A GT endorsement will qualify educators to teach in an ALPS classroom and to hold other positions in gifted and talented programming.

What are the credit requirements for a GT endorsement?

- 16 semester hours of graduate-level coursework is required for a GT endorsement.
 - Twelve semester credit hours earned in four core classes:
 - 5400 3 Credit Hours Education of the Gifted and Talented
 - 5420 3 Credit Hours Identification/Evaluation in Gifted Education
 - 5430 3 Credit Hours Curriculum/Materials in Gifted Education
 - 5440 3 Credit Hours Social and Emotional Needs of the Gifted
 - 4 semester hours of elective credit:
 - Elective credit can be obtained in a variety of ways, including conference attendance, credit earned in another endorsement, an optional class in creativity, and more.

What are the current costs for a GT endorsement?

- SUU Recording Fees: \$23 per credit hour / \$69 per 3-hour core class.
- Books: \$50.00 (approximate) per core class.
- Elective Credit: Fees will vary depending upon the type of class(es) used for credit.
- Please note: These fees are set by outside entities and are subject to change.
- Of note: Jordan District will cover fees for Jordan District employees in the 2020-2021 cohort.

What format will be used for instruction? When and where will the classes be held?

- Jordan School District instructors will teach classes in a blended format with two sessions each week:
 - One session will be held in a live format: face-to-face or online.
 - One session will be a virtual session and may include practical classroom applications.
- Live classes will be held on Tuesdays from 4:00-7:00 at Elk Ridge Middle School or online, depending on the current risk phrase guidelines.
- Each core class will last approximately eight weeks.
- Using a hybrid of a live and virtual format, the four core classes can be completed in one school year.

Are you interested in joining the 2020-2021 GT Endorsement cohort?

- Please complete the form at:
 - https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSeueU33yQ_DYOYoCrOPIWJtT8UaCWIV4GcshVi2kfq0bU2ISA/viewform?usp=sf_link
- Please contact Rebecca Smith (rebecca.smith@jordandistrict.org / 801-567-8368 or 801-550-6415) with any questions you may have.