Gifted & Talented Teaching Endorsement

During the 2021-2022 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?

● Four core classes are required for the Endorsement:
  ○ EDUC 5400 3 Credit Hours Learning, Development, and Individual Differences in Gifted Education
  ○ EDUC 5440 3 Credit Hours Learning Environments for Gifted Students
  ○ EDUC 5430 3 Credit Hours Curriculum and Instructional Planning in Gifted Education
  ○ EDUC 5420 3 Credit Hours Assessment in Gifted Education
● A “professional learning activity” is also required. Examples of this include participation in an additional class, webinar, or conference, specific to gifted and talented education. A wide variety of opportunities at local, state, or national levels will satisfy this requirement.

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.
  ○ Some books can be borrowed from the GT department.

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

● Jordan School District instructors teach classes in a blended format with two sessions each week:
  ○ One session will be in a live format: face-to-face or online.
  ○ One session will be virtual/asynchronous and may include practical classroom applications.
● Live classes: Tuesdays from 4:15-7:15 at the ASB or online via Zoom.
● Asynchronous classes: three-hours of instruction/activities via Canvas.
● 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 2021-2022 GT Endorsement cohort?

● Please attend one of the following information meetings:
  ○ Monday, June 14 10:00-10:30 am.
  ○ Monday, July 12 10:00-10:30 am.
  ○ Zoom link: https://uetc.org.zoom.us/j/82781113291?pwd=Nzgwbm9oK2Q5MFVTNDNiA5ZzI5Zz09

● Pre-Register for the 2021-2022 Cohort on this Google Form.
  ○ https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSe5cV0lIPGgS6PiG8CDqG1Q2r2Gh4YV9h916Wtcegrip5F27zd9U3mg/viewform?usp=sf_link
  ○ We will notify you of registration status by July 31. (There will be a cap on enrollment.)

● Contact for questions you may have: Rebecca Smith rebecca.smith@jordandistrict.org / 801-567-8368.