

Gifted & Talented Teaching Endorsement

During the 2025-2026 school year, Jordan School District will offer coursework for a gifted and talented (GT) teaching endorsement in partnership with Southern Utah University (SUU).

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 instructional 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. Two courses are offered each school year.
 - EDUC 5400 3 Credit Hours Learning, Development, and Individual Differences in Gifted Education
 - EDUC 5420 3 Credit Hours Assessment in Gifted Education
 - EDUC 5430 3 Credit Hours Curriculum and Instructional Planning in Gifted Education
 - EDUC 5440 3 Credit Hours Learning Environments for Gifted Students
- A “professional learning activity” is also required for the GT endorsement. 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.
 - The GT Department will cover the recording fees for the 2025-2026 classes for JSD participants.
- Books are available for checkout from the Gifted and Talented Department.
 - Participants can purchase personal copies of books if they choose (approximately \$50 per class).

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

- Jordan District instructors provide classes in a combination of live and asynchronous instruction.
- Most live sessions will be in-person (ASB PDC 112 - Entrance D). Some live sessions are held over Zoom.
- Asynchronous sessions are self-paced, and often include practical classroom applications.
- Two courses will be offered during each school year. See the 2025-2026 class schedule for complete details.

How do I register for the classes offered in the 2025-2026 school year?

- You can take the classes in any order!
- Participants often begin the classes with EDUC 5420 and EDUC 5440, then take EDUC 5400 and EDUC 5430 the second year.
- If you would like to participate in the 2025-2026 classes, [please complete this form to be on the contact list](#).
- Those on the contact list will be notified when SUU registration opens in early August, 2025.

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