



LOS ANGELES UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT
MEMORANDUM

TITLE: 2021-2022 Gifted and Talented Education
 (GATE) Meetings and Professional Development
 Calendar

NUMBER: MEM- 6112.8

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ROUTING
 Local District
 Superintendents
 Administrators of Instruction
 Community of Schools
 Administrators
 School Site
 Principals
 GATE Coordinators
 Teachers

DATE: August 2, 2021

PURPOSE: Each academic year Gifted/Talented Programs provides guidance and support to District schools. This memorandum informs school site Gifted and Talented Education (GATE) and Schools for Advanced Studies (SAS) coordinators, parents and administrators of the 2021–2022 GATE Meetings and Professional Development Calendar.

MAJOR CHANGES: This memorandum replaces MEM-6112.7, dated August 17, 2020, and provides updated information, including dates and locations, of GATE meetings and professional development options.

INSTRUCTIONS: I. GATE MEETINGS AND WORKSHOPS

- A. GATE/SAS Coordinator Meetings
 - 1. Purpose: The purpose of the GATE/SAS coordinator meetings is to provide information and support for school site GATE/SAS programs and services.
 - 2. Format: For the 2021-2022 school year, fall and spring GATE/SAS Coordinator meetings will be offered virtually with both a synchronous and asynchronous component. See Attachment A.
 - a. Fall Meeting (Asynchronous)
 - 1) Available on demand at MyPLN from **Wednesday, September 1 through Thursday, September 30, 2021.**
 - 2) Session will review general information about gifted identification, instruction, professional development, and parent/community involvement.
 - b. Fall Meeting (Synchronous)
 - 1) A synchronous component will be offered three times throughout the month of September.
 - 2) It will provide specific guidance to coordinators and administrators who have questions or concerns about the implementation of their school’s GATE Program.
 - c. Spring Meeting (Asynchronous)
 - 1) Session will be available on demand at MyPLN from **Tuesday, February 1, through Monday, February 28, 2022.**
 - 2) Session will provide updates about gifted identification, instruction, professional development, and parent/community involvement.



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(d) Spring Meeting (Synchronous)

- 1) Session will be offered three times throughout the month of February.
- 2) Session will provide specific guidance to coordinators and administrators who have questions or concerns about implementing their school's GATE Program.
3. Registration: Go to MyPLN: <https://achieve.lausd.net/mypln> to register. Search for keyword: "GATE" or "gifted."
4. SAS Designation/Eligibility: To maintain a school's SAS designation and/or be eligible for future SAS site designation, principals are required to send a representative to attend fall and spring GATE coordinator meetings and SAS coordinator trainings.
5. For current information about GATE/SAS Coordinator meetings, go to or go to <https://achieve.lausd.net/Page/3104>.

B. GATE/SAS Parent Workshops

1. Purpose: The purpose of the GATE/SAS Parent Workshops is to provide an overview of LA Unified's Gifted/Talented Programs.
2. Format: For the 2021-2022 school year, GATE/SAS Parent Workshop session(s) will be offered virtually.
3. Information: Go to <https://achieve.lausd.net/Page/2286> for current information about GATE/SAS Parent Workshops.

C. GATE Online Classes

1. Topics: Optional web-based workshops are offered for administrators, coordinators, and teachers on a variety of GATE topics.
2. Format: GATE online classes are offered on MyPLN in one-hour and two-hour sessions.
3. Information: Go to <https://achieve.lausd.net/Page/2169> for current information about GATE online classes.
4. Registration: Go to MyPLN: <https://achieve.lausd.net/mypln> to register. Search for keyword: "GATE" or "gifted."
5. New GATE Coordinators: It is highly recommended that new GATE coordinators and teachers participate in the topical online classes (as applicable) to supplement the content of GATE/SAS coordinator meetings and other GATE professional development opportunities.

D. GATE Small Group Trainings

1. Topics: Optional small group trainings are offered for administrators and coordinators on a variety of topics, including:
 - a. Initiating gifted referrals in all seven District gifted and talented categories of identification.
 - b. Referring, screening and identifying students from diverse and underrepresented populations.
 - c. Administering OLSAT-8 assessments.
2. New GATE Coordinators: The District recommends that new GATE coordinators participate in the small group trainings to supplement the content of GATE/SAS coordinator meetings.
3. Information: Go to <https://achieve.lausd.net/Page/3104> for current information about GATE Small Group Training.
4. Registration: Go to MyPLN: <https://achieve.lausd.net/mypln> to register. Search for keyword: "GATE" or "gifted."



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- E. GATE Salary Point Classes
 - 1. Differentiated Curriculum and Instruction: GATE salary point classes are designed to train and support teachers and administrators on how to provide appropriate differentiated curriculum and instruction for their gifted/talented learners.
 - 2. Introductory/Advanced: Class offerings range from introductory to advanced and address how to apply the “non-negotiables” of gifted instruction: depth, complexity, novelty and acceleration.
 - 3. Information: Go to <https://achieve.lausd.net/Page/2169> for current information about salary point classes.
 - 4. Registration: Go to MyPLN: <https://achieve.lausd.net/mypln> to register. Search for keyword: “GATE” or “gifted.”

II. GATE CALENDAR ANNOUNCEMENTS

- A. Attachment A includes announcements for GATE professional development/training opportunities: GATE/SAS Coordinator Synchronous Sessions.
- B. School GATE personnel are to distribute and post the 2021-2022 GATE calendar announcement (Attachment A), as appropriate.

ASSISTANCE: For assistance, contact the appropriate District Gifted/Talented Programs administrator at (213) 241-6500 or by email.

Areas of Focus	District Administrator	Email Address
LD Central, Professional Development	Dr. Lucy Hunt	lhunt@lausd.net
LD East, Conservatory of Fine Arts	Dr. Nicole Niederdeppe	nnn8729@lausd.net
LD Northeast and Northwest, Parent Engagement	Susanna Furfari	susanna.furfari@lausd.net
LD West, Schools for Advanced Studies (SAS)	Erin Yoshida-Ehrmann	emy2142@lausd.net
LD South, Data Identification	Kevin Kilpatrick	kevin.kilpatrick@lausd.net
Targeted Identification Program	Wynne Wong-Cheng	wynne.wong@lausd.net
SAS Support and Technology	Michelle Papazyan	mpapazya@lausd.net
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2021-2022 GATE/SAS Coordinator Synchronous Virtual Meetings

Fall 2021 GATE/SAS Coordinator Virtual Meetings:

Coordinators are expected to attend the asynchronous MyPLN training during the month of September. Coordinators may *optionally* attend any synchronous GATE/SAS coordinator Q and A session. Schools for Advanced Studies (SAS) sites are required to attend the GATE/SAS asynchronous session **and** the synchronous SAS Coordinator Training.

(Select ONE date)

DATE	TOPIC	TIME	DESIGNATED AUDIENCE
Thursday September 9, 2021	- GATE/SAS Coordinator Q and A - Small Group Training for New GATE Coordinators - SAS Coordinator Training	3:15 – 4:15 p.m. 4:15 – 5:15 p.m. 4:15 – 5:15 p.m.	GATE/SAS Coordinators and Administrators
Monday September 13, 2021	- GATE/SAS Coordinator Q and A - Small Group Training for New GATE Coordinators - SAS Coordinator Training	3:15 – 4:15 p.m. 4:15 – 5:15 p.m. 4:15 – 5:15 p.m.	GATE/SAS Coordinators and Administrators
Monday September 20, 2021	- GATE/SAS Coordinator Q and A - Small Group Training for New GATE Coordinators - SAS Coordinator Training	3:15 – 4:15 p.m. 4:15 – 5:15 p.m. 4:15 – 5:15 p.m.	GATE/SAS Coordinators and Administrators

Spring 2022 GATE/SAS Coordinator Meetings:

Coordinators are expected to attend the asynchronous MyPLN training during the month of February. Coordinators may optionally attend any asynchronous GATE/SAS coordinator Q and A session. Schools for Advanced Studies (SAS) sites are required to attend the GATE/SAS asynchronous session as well as the synchronous SAS Coordinator Training.

(Select ONE date)

DATE	TOPIC	TIME	DESIGNATED AUDIENCE
Monday February 7, 2022	- GATE/SAS Coordinator and OLSAT Q and A - SAS Coordinator Training	3:15 – 4:15 p.m. 4:15 – 5:15 p.m.	GATE/SAS Coordinators and Administrators
Thursday February 10, 2022	- GATE/SAS Coordinator and OLSAT Q and A - SAS Coordinator Training	3:15 – 4:15 p.m. 4:15 – 5:15 p.m.	GATE/SAS Coordinators and Administrators
Thursday February 17, 2022	- GATE/SAS Coordinator and OLSAT Q and A - SAS Coordinator Training	3:15 – 4:15 p.m. 4:15 – 5:15 p.m.	GATE/SAS Coordinators and Administrators

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