



LOS ANGELES UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT
MEMORANDUM

TITLE: 2020-2021 Gifted and Talented Education (GATE) Meetings and Professional Development Calendar

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

PURPOSE: Each academic year Gifted/Talented Programs provides guidance and support to District schools regarding the District’s Gifted and Talented Education (GATE) program. This Memorandum informs school site GATE and Schools for Advanced Studies (SAS) coordinators, parents and administrators of the 2020–2021 GATE/SAS Coordinator Meetings and Professional Development Calendar.

MAJOR CHANGES: This memorandum replaces MEM-6112.6, dated September 3, 2019, 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. Meeting Format: For the 2020-2021 school year, fall and spring GATE/SAS Coordinator meetings will be offered virtually with both a synchronous and asynchronous component.
 - a. The Fall Meeting **asynchronous** component, which will be available on demand at MyPLN from September 1 through September 30, will review general information about gifted identification, instruction, professional development, and parent/community involvement.
 - b. A **synchronous** component, which will be offered six times throughout the month of September, will provide specific guidance to coordinators and administrators who have questions or concerns regarding the implementation of their school’s GATE program.
 - c. The Spring Meeting **asynchronous** component, which will be available on demand at MyPLN from February 1 through February 26, will provide updates about gifted identification, instruction, professional development, and parent/community involvement.



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- d. A **synchronous** component, which will be offered six times throughout the month of February, will provide specific guidance to coordinators and administrators who have questions or concerns regarding the implementation of their school's GATE program.
 3. **Information:** Go to <https://achieve.lausd.net/Page/3104> for current information about GATE/SAS Coordinator meetings.
 4. **Registration:** Go to MyPLN: <https://achieve.lausd.net/mypln> to register. Search for keyword: "GATE" or "gifted."
 5. **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.
- 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 2020-2021 school year, the 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 Webinars
1. **Topics:** Optional web-based workshops are offered for administrators, coordinators, and teachers on a variety of GATE topics.
 2. **Format:** GATE webinars 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 webinars.
 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 webinars (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.
 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. 2020-2021 GATE/SAS COORDINATOR MEETING AND PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT CALENDAR

- A. Memorandum attachment includes announcements for 2020-2021 GATE professional development/training opportunities. See Attachment A.
- B. School GATE personnel are to distribute and post the 2020-2021 GATE calendar announcement, as appropriate.

ASSISTANCE: For assistance, email the Gifted/Talented Programs, Advanced Learning Options, administrator who is the point of contact for your Local District.

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Northwest		
West	Erin Yoshida-Ehrmann	emy2142@lausd.net
South	Kevin Kilpatrick	kevin.kilpatrick@lausd.net
Identification (All Districts)	Wynne Wong-Cheng	wynne.wong@lausd.net
Targeted Identification Prgm.	Michelle Papazyan	mpapazya@lausd.net



2020-2021 GATE/SAS Coordinator Synchronous Virtual Meetings

Fall 2020 GATE/SAS Coordinator Virtual Meetings:

Coordinators are expected to attend the **asynchronous** MyPLN training during the month of September. Coordinators may optionally attend a synchronous GATE/SAS Coordinator Q & A session for any designated audience. 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
Thursday September 3, 2020	- GATE/SAS Coordinator Q & A	3:45 – 4:30 p.m.	Local District Northeast
	- Small Group Training for New GATE Coordinators	4:30 – 5:30 p.m.	
	- SAS Coordinator Training	4:30 – 5:30 p.m.	
Thursday September 10, 2020	- GATE/SAS Coordinator Q & A	3:45 – 4:30 p.m.	Local District Northwest
	- Small Group Training for New GATE Coordinators	4:30 – 5:30 p.m.	
	- SAS Coordinator Training	4:30 – 5:30 p.m.	
Monday September 14, 2020	- GATE/SAS Coordinator Q & A	3:45 – 4:30 p.m.	Local District South
	- Small Group Training for New GATE Coordinators	4:30 – 5:30 p.m.	
	- SAS Coordinator Training	4:30 – 5:30 p.m.	
Thursday September 17, 2020	- GATE/SAS Coordinator Opening Meeting	3:45 – 4:30 p.m.	Local District East
	- Small Group Training for New GATE Coordinators	4:30 – 5:30 p.m.	
	- SAS Coordinator Training	4:30 – 5:30 p.m.	
Monday September 21, 2020	- GATE/SAS Coordinator Opening Meeting	3:45 – 4:30 p.m.	Local District West
	- Small Group Training for New GATE Coordinators	4:30 – 5:30 p.m.	
	- SAS Coordinator Training	4:30 – 5:30 p.m.	
Thursday September 24, 2020	- GATE/SAS Coordinator Opening Meeting	3:45 – 4:30 p.m.	Local District Central
	- Small Group Training for New GATE Coordinators	4:30 – 5:30 p.m.	
	- SAS Coordinator Training	4:30 – 5:30 p.m.	

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ATTACHMENT A

Spring 2021 GATE/SAS Coordinator Virtual Meetings:

Coordinators are expected to attend the **asynchronous** MyPLN training during the month of February. Coordinators may optionally attend a synchronous GATE/SAS Coordinator Q & A session for any designated audience. 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 1, 2021	- GATE/SAS Coordinator and OLSAT Q & A	3:30 – 4:30 p.m.	Local District Northeast
	- SAS Coordinator Training	4:30 – 5:30 p.m.	
Thursday February 4, 2021	- GATE/SAS Coordinator and OLSAT Q & A	3:30 – 4:30 p.m.	Local District Northwest
	- SAS Coordinator Training	4:30 – 5:30 p.m.	
Monday February 8, 2021	- GATE/SAS Coordinator and OLSAT Q & A	3:30 – 4:30 p.m.	Local District South
	- SAS Coordinator Training	4:30 – 5:30 p.m.	
Thursday February 11, 2021	- GATE/SAS Coordinator and OLSAT Q & A	3:30 – 4:30 p.m.	Local District East
	- SAS Coordinator Training	4:30 – 5:30 p.m.	
Thursday February 18, 2021	- GATE/SAS Coordinator and OLSAT Q & A	3:30 – 4:30 p.m.	Local District West
	- SAS Coordinator Training	4:30 – 5:30 p.m.	
Monday February 22, 2021	- GATE/SAS Coordinator and OLSAT Q & A	3:30 – 4:30 p.m.	Local District Central
	- SAS Coordinator Training	4:30 – 5:30 p.m.	