

MISD GT Professional Learning Requirements



MISD 30-HR Foundational Training

According to the Texas State Plan for the Education of Gifted & Talented Students, a minimum of thirty (30) clock hours of professional development is required for teachers who provide instruction and services that are a part of the district's defined gifted/talented services. Thus must include 6 hours of each of the following topics, *Nature and Needs of the Gifted & Talented, Identification and Assessment of the Gifted & Talented, Social and Emotional Needs of the Gifted & Talented, Differentiated Curriculum for the Gifted & Talented, and Creativity & Instructional Strategies for the Gifted & Talented.*

19 TAC §89.2 (1) & (2)

Elementary (K-5) teachers may meet the 30 hour requirement by attending the MISD GT 30-HR Foundational Institute. The institute meets the state mandate for the thirty hours of training. The MISD GT 30-HR Foundational Institute is offered three times a year, fall semester, spring semester, and summer.

Secondary (6-8) teachers may meet the 30 hour requirement by attending the MISD GT 30-HR Foundational Institute. The institute meets the state mandate for the thirty hours of training. The MISD GT 30-HR Foundational Institute is offered three times a year, fall semester, spring semester, and summer.

Secondary (9-12) teachers may meet the 30 hour requirement by attending a combination of the following:

1. Attending AP Summer Institute for 12 hours of credit for Day 3 and Day 5 of MISD GT 30-HR Foundational Institute and completing the remaining 18 hours by attending Day 1, Day 2, and Day 4 of the MISD GT 30-HR Foundational Institute,
2. Attending all five days of the MISD GT 30-HR Foundational Institute.

**All high school AP Core area teachers are required to complete the 30 hours of training because these subjects are part of GT services at the high school level.*

MISD GT Annual Six (6) Hour Update

Teachers who provide instruction and services that are a part of the district's defined gifted and talented services are required to receive a minimum of six (6) hours annually of professional development in gifted and talented education that is related to state teacher education standards, 19 TAC §89.2 (3).

MISD Gifted & Talented Department offers multiple opportunities to meet this requirement:

1. Courses that are provided by the MISD Gifted & Talented Department throughout the academic year. Check Eduphoria or the MISD GT website for current offerings.
2. GT Update offerings may be offered during the summer.
3. Submit a proposal for a course, book study, etc. using the MISD 6-HR GT Update Proposal Form.

MISD GT Annual Six (6) Hour Update for Administrators & Counselors

Administrators and counselors who have authority for program decisions have a minimum of six hours of professional development that includes nature and needs of gifted/talented students and program options 19 TAC §8.2 (4).

MISD School Board Annual Training

Local district boards of trustees are trained to ensure program accountability based on the Texas State Plan for the Education of Gifted/ Talented Students (19 TAC §89.5).

Local district boards of trustees are encouraged to pursue professional development on the Texas State Plan for the Education of Gifted/Talented Students.

Texas State Plan for the Education of the Gifted and Talented Students 5.10.1

Questions about GT training should be directed to the MISD GT Coordinator, Jenn Ellis, jennifer.ellis@misd.org.

