



MISD GT Professional Learning Plan

Frequently Asked Questions

1. What are Montgomery ISD requirements for the GT 30-HR Foundational Training?

In accordance with 19 TAC §8.2 (1) the 30 clock hours required by the State of Texas 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*
- *Creativity & Instructional Strategies for the Gifted & Talented*

2. Who needs to have the GT 30-HR Foundational Training?

In accordance with 19 TAC §8.2 (2) *teachers without training required above who provide instruction and services that are part of the gifted/talented program must complete the 30-HR training requirement within one semester.*

3. Can my AP Summer Institute count for the GT 30-HR Foundational Training?

AP Summer Institute can count towards 12 hours of the required 30 hours. It would count for Day 3 and Day 5 of the MISD GT 30-HR Foundational Training. You will still need to attend the other three sessions to complete the GT 30-HR Foundational Training.

4. I completed my GT Foundational Training in another district. Will they count it in Montgomery ISD?

Yes, upon review of the Gifted & Talented Department. You will need to submit a copy of your certificate(s) to the GT Coordinator at ESC. You will also need to upload your certificate to your Eduphoria portfolio and submit a copy to your campus principal's secretary to keep for auditing purposes.

5. What if I have completed the training but cannot find my certificate(s)?

MISD is required to provide physical copies of the certificates for teachers during an audit. Each campus keeps a file with campus teachers' certificates. If you are unable to provide proof of your training you will need to take the MISD GT 30-HR Foundational Training.

6. When do I need to have the GT 30-HR Foundational Training completed?

Teachers are required to complete the GT 30-HR Foundational Training within one semester of servicing a MISD identified Gifted & Talented student, *19 TAC §8.2 (2)*. MISD offers the 30-HR Foundational Training three times a year, fall cohort, spring cohort, and a summer cohort.

7. How many hours of GT Update Credit do I need?

Teachers who provide instruction and services that are a part of the program for gifted students receive a minimum of six hours annually of professional development in gifted education, 19 TAC §8.2 (3).

8. How do I know if a course offered by Montgomery ISD will count for GT Foundational or Update credit?

Courses that count towards the required six hour update will be marked accordingly in Eduphoria. Courses that are part of the MISD GT 30-HR Foundational Training will be identified and marked accordingly in Eduphoria. GT Update sessions are designed to meet the needs of gifted and talented learners and their teachers; therefore, not all sessions offered in Montgomery ISD meet the criteria established by the State of Texas for GT credit. In Eduphoria, search for courses under course categories (GT) or by credit types (GT Update).

9. I attended a session out-of-district; can I get GT credit for attending the session?

Yes, if the session has been pre-approved by the MISD Gifted & Talented Department. MISD Gifted & Talented Department highly recommends having sessions pre-approved prior to attending. There is no guarantee you will be awarded GT credit for an out-of-district session after you attend the session, or submit your request, or received credit in previous years. MISD Gifted & Talented develops and offers trainings that are in alignment with the MISD Strategic Plan and MISD Gifted & Talented Department's goals. All GT Update trainings must be in alignment with the district's goals and meet the state's requirements.

10. I am a campus administrator, or counselor; do I need additional GT training?

In accordance with 19 TAC §8.2 (4), 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. This requirement is not the same as the *Nature and Needs for Gifted & Talented students* required in the MISD GT 3-HR Foundational Training.

11. How can I find courses that satisfy GT Update or GT Foundational requirements?

Courses that are offered in Montgomery ISD for GT Update or Foundational credits will be listed in Eduphoria. Teachers and staff may search by course category (GT) or by course credit types (GT Foundational or GT Update) for a listing. In addition, a list of all courses currently approved and provided will be posted on the MISD Gifted & Talented website.