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Gifted Endorsement Program

Class Descriptions and Candidate Requirements

Griffin RESA offers the four-course series required by the Georgia Professional Standards Commission to earn a Gifted In-Field Endorsement. The series of courses includes: 1) *Characteristics of the Gifted Student*; 2) *Methods of Teaching Gifted Students*; 3) *Assessment of Gifted Students*; and, 4) *Programs and Curriculum Development for Gifted Students*. Each course requires 50 contact hours and candidates will earn five (5) PLU credits upon completion of each course.

Beginning in the Fall of 2010 there will be two course delivery options from which to choose.

Traditional Courses:

In general, each course meets one evening per week for twelve weeks from 4:30 p.m. to 8:45 p.m. at Griffin RESA (440 Tilney Avenue, Griffin, GA, 30224). Breaks in instruction follow Griffin RESA system breaks. In order to complete the program candidates should expect to register for and participate in one course per semester.

Blended-Online Courses:

Each course meets two times in a face-to-face format at Griffin RESA with the remainder of class work completed online. Face-to-face meetings will be held on Saturdays or in the evenings and attendance is required. The online portions are completed weekly in an asynchronous format, which means participants set their own schedules within each week's module. The blended-online option consists of 10 modules delivered over a 10-week period. There are no breaks in instruction needed to accommodate system breaks so that the endorsement can be completed in three semesters or less.

Admission:

Admission to the program requires the recommendation of candidates by school and system administrators. Candidates must be approved for admission prior to being eligible to register for the first course. The Gifted Endorsement courses are conducted in a cohort format. New cohorts will be organized when 25 completed applications are on file in the Professional Learning office at Griffin RESA. Candidates will be required to complete the endorsement program only in the sequence listed above.

Eligibility requirements include documentation of the following:

- A minimum of three full years of successful teaching experience;
- A valid, clear-renewable Georgia teaching certificate;
- Recommendations from the school principal and one additional system administrator;
- Demonstrated intellectual accomplishments;
- Demonstrated cultural and intellectual interests;
- Evident pursuit of excellence and high achievement;
- Demonstrated enthusiasm for the ability to relate to talented people;
- Broad general knowledge.

Attendance Policy

A strict, non-negotiable attendance policy will be enforced for each of the four courses in the Gifted Endorsement series. Candidates will be expected to attend all class meetings in their entirety and/or complete all online modules in a timely manner. Understandably, circumstances may dictate that a candidate be absent from a class. However, Griffin RESA will not be able to award credit associated with any Gifted Endorsement course for any candidate who misses more than one class meeting.

Program Rigor

Potential candidates for the Gifted Endorsement should also understand that the rigor of the program is expected to be equivalent to a graduate degree program. The syllabus for each of the four courses in the series should be reviewed by each potential candidate prior to application and registration in the program.

[Click here](#) to view a sample of the course requirements for *Characteristics of the Gifted Student*.

[Click here](#) to view a sample of the course requirements for *Methods of Teaching Gifted Students*.

[Click here](#) to view a sample of the course requirements for *Assessment of Gifted Students*.

[Click here](#) to view a sample of the course requirements for *Programs and Curriculum Development for Gifted Students*.

Program Application

Potential candidates should complete the program application and qualifications and recommendation forms, secure the appropriate signatures, and forward the original documents with a copy of their current teaching certificate to the following address:

Professional Learning
Griffin RESA
440 Tilney Avenue
Griffin, Georgia 30224

[Click here](#) to access the Gifted Endorsement application.

[Click here](#) to access the Candidate Qualifications and Recommendation for Admission form.

More Information

For additional information regarding the Gifted Endorsement program, please contact the Professional Learning Coordinator, at 770-229-3247 or professionallearning@griffinresa.net.