

Gifted & Talented Teaching Endorsement

During the 2021-2022 school year, Jordan School District will offer coursework for a gifted and talented (GT) teaching endorsement in partnership with Southern Utah University.

How will a GT teaching endorsement benefit me?

- A GT endorsement will build a knowledge base about an important sector of education.
- A GT endorsement will help teachers build a repertoire of strategies to challenge **all** students by adding depth, complexity, higher-order thinking, and creativity to daily instruction.
- A GT endorsement will help teachers develop differentiation strategies to better meet the unique needs of high-ability learners in **all** classrooms.
- A GT endorsement will qualify educators to teach in an ALPS classroom and to hold other positions in gifted and talented programming.

What are the credit requirements for a GT endorsement?

- Four core classes are required for the Endorsement:
 - EDUC 5400 3 Credit Hours Learning, Development, and Individual Differences in Gifted Education
 - EDUC 5440 3 Credit Hours Learning Environments for Gifted Students
 - EDUC 5430 3 Credit Hours Curriculum and Instructional Planning in Gifted Education
 - EDUC 5420 3 Credit Hours Assessment in Gifted Education
- A “professional learning activity” is also required. Examples of this include participation in an additional class, webinar, or conference, specific to gifted and talented education. A wide variety of opportunities at local, state, or national levels will satisfy this requirement.

What are the current costs for a GT endorsement?

- SUU Recording Fees: \$23 per credit hour / \$69 per 3-hour core class.
- Books: \$50.00 (approximate) per core class.
 - Some books can be borrowed from the GT department.

What format will be used for instruction? When and where will the classes be held?

- Jordan School District instructors teach classes in a blended format with two sessions each week:
 - One session will be in a live format: face-to-face or online.
 - One session will be virtual/asynchronous and may include practical classroom applications.
- Live classes: Tuesdays from 4:15-7:15 at the ASB or online via Zoom.
- Asynchronous classes: three-hours of instruction/activities via Canvas.
- Each core class will last approximately eight weeks.
- Using a hybrid of a live and virtual format, the four core classes can be completed in one school year.

Are you interested in joining the 2021-2022 GT Endorsement cohort?

- Please attend one of the following information meetings:
 - Monday, June 14 10:00-10:30 am.
 - Monday, July 12 10:00-10:30 am.
 - Zoom link: <https://uetn-org.zoom.us/j/82781113291?pwd=Nzgwbm9oK2Q05MEVtNDFINIA5ZzISZz09>
- Pre-Register for the 2021-2022 Cohort on this Google Form.
 - https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSeSzV0II7PGeJVGiQ2rx2GXyYvh9i6WLceerIcSF2Zd9U3mg/viewform?usp=sf_link
 - We will notify you of registration status by July 31. (There will be a cap on enrollment.)
- Contact for questions you may have: Rebecca Smith rebecca.smith@jordandistrict.org / 801-567-8368.