

Gifted & Talented Teaching Endorsement

During the 2024-25 school year, Jordan School District will offer coursework for a gifted and talented (GT) teaching endorsement in partnership with Southern Utah University (SUU).

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 instructional 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. Two courses are offered each school year.
 - EDUC 5400 3 Credit Hours Learning, Development, and Individual Differences in Gifted Education
 - EDUC 5420 3 Credit Hours Assessment in Gifted Education
 - EDUC 5430 3 Credit Hours Curriculum and Instructional Planning in Gifted Education
 - EDUC 5440 3 Credit Hours Learning Environments for Gifted Students
- A “professional learning activity” is also required for the GT endorsement. 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.
 - Of note: The GT Department will cover the recording fees for the 2024-2025 classes.
- Books are available for checkout from the Gifted and Talented Department. Participants can also purchase personal copies of books if they choose (approximately \$50 per class).

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

- Jordan District instructors provide classes in a combination of live and asynchronous instruction.
- Some live sessions will be in-person and some over zoom.
- Asynchronous sessions may include practical classroom applications.
- Two courses will be offered during each school year. See the [2024-2025 class schedule](#) for complete details.

Would you like more information about the GT endorsement? Join a Zoom meeting:

- April 29, 2024 / 3:30-4:00 p.m. / Information Meeting Via Zoom
 - <https://uetn-org.zoom.us/j/84050842077?pwd=cFpBU3NQ3NRaWZDnkFSdUM1b3F3Zz09>
 - Meeting ID: 840 5084 2077 / Passcode: 108596
- May 20, 2024 / 3:30-4:00 p.m. / Information Meeting Via Zoom
 - <https://uetn-org.zoom.us/j/85758689899?pwd=dXYvRW54R0QxNlhmUDRMYlhSMEdnQT09>
 - Meeting ID: 857 5868 9899 / Passcode: 594332

Would you like to join the 2024 GT endorsement cohort?

- Pre-register by [completing the 2024 GT endorsement pre-registration form](#).

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