

# Region 4 ESC Gifted and Talented 2021 – 2022 Professional Learning Opportunities

In alignment to the *Texas State Plan for the Education of Gifted/Talented Students (Texas State Plan)*, districts make a local decision regarding what courses to accept as the G/T 30-hour training requirement and annual six-hour update. Region 4 encourages every participant to check with his or her district G/T lead prior to registering for any G/T session.

## 30-Hour Training Requirement

The following Region 4 courses align to the *Texas State Plan* requirements for the G/T 30-hour training requirement.

**Please note:** These sessions may also be counted for the six-hour update if the participant is in need of a refresh on the content or if the district requires different courses for the 30-hour requirement.

## Asynchronous Online Course Opportunities

*These sessions begin five days after registration closes and end approximately three weeks later. The sessions are provided through our Canvas Learning Management System (LMS) so participants have greater flexibility in completing the course.*

### Nature and Needs of Gifted/Talented Students Online

Gain a deep understanding of the benefits and challenges facing gifted students. Examine and analyze the history of gifted education, modern legal requirements, and service design options. Explore the characteristics of gifted students and the nature of gifted education through research-based activities. This is a facilitated, self-paced online course. Course login information will be emailed from [gifted@esc4.net](mailto:gifted@esc4.net) 1-2 days prior to the course start date.

**Please note:** Course completion certificates will be available 3-5 business days after the session has closed.

Session Dates	Session ID	Registration Available Through	Fee
September 8 – September 29, 2021	<a href="#">1625949</a>	September 5, 2021	\$50
September 29 – October 20, 2021	<a href="#">1625951</a>	September 26, 2021	\$50
October 20 – November 10, 2021	<a href="#">1625953</a>	October 17, 2021	\$50
November 10 – December 1, 2021	<a href="#">1625954</a>	November 7, 2021	\$50
February 2 – February 23, 2022	<a href="#">1625955</a>	January 30, 2022	\$50
April 6 – April 27, 2022	<a href="#">1625956</a>	April 3, 2022	\$50
June 8 – June 29, 2022	<a href="#">1625958</a>	June 5, 2022	\$50
June 29 – July 20, 2022	<a href="#">1625959</a>	June 26, 2022	\$50
July 20 – August 10, 2022	<a href="#">1625960</a>	July 17, 2022	\$50

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## Identification and Assessment of Gifted/Talented Students Online

Review the definition of giftedness according to the state of Texas and understand how the *Texas State Plan for Educating Gifted and Talented Students* guides the process for the identification of students for gifted services. Examine the gifted and talented identification process including information about assessment options and uncovering important considerations for the identification of culturally, linguistically, and economically diverse (CLED) students to ensure all gifted students are identified. This is a facilitated, self-paced online course. Course login information will be emailed from [gifted@esc4.net](mailto:gifted@esc4.net) 1-2 days prior to the course start date.

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September 8 – September 29, 2021	<a href="#">1625961</a>	September 5, 2021	\$50
September 29 – October 20, 2021	<a href="#">1625962</a>	September 26, 2021	\$50
October 20 – November 10, 2021	<a href="#">1625963</a>	October 17, 2021	\$50
November 10 – December 1, 2021	<a href="#">1625964</a>	November 7, 2021	\$50
February 2 – February 23, 2022	<a href="#">1625965</a>	January 30, 2022	\$50
April 6 – April 27, 2022	<a href="#">1625966</a>	April 3, 2022	\$50
June 8 – June 29, 2022	<a href="#">1625967</a>	June 5, 2022	\$50
June 29 – July 20, 2022	<a href="#">1625968</a>	June 26, 2022	\$50
July 20 – August 10, 2022	<a href="#">1625969</a>	July 17, 2022	\$50

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## **Social and Emotional Needs of Gifted/Talented Students Online**

Build a working knowledge of the intense feelings and sensitivities of the gifted student. Learn to recognize and interpret the behaviors of gifted children and how these behaviors can affect their social growth and academic achievement. Participants will explore strategies to increase gifted students' awareness of their own social development and how it impacts their academic achievement. This is a facilitated, self-paced online course. Course login information will be emailed from [gifted@esc4.net](mailto:gifted@esc4.net) 1-2 days prior to the course start date.

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Session Dates	Session ID	Registration Available Through	Fee
September 8 – September 29, 2021	<a href="#">1625970</a>	September 5, 2021	\$50
September 29 – October 20, 2021	<a href="#">1625971</a>	September 26, 2021	\$50
October 20 – November 10, 2021	<a href="#">1625972</a>	October 17, 2021	\$50
November 10 – December 1, 2021	<a href="#">1625973</a>	November 7, 2021	\$50
February 2 – February 23, 2022	<a href="#">1625974</a>	January 30, 2022	\$50
April 6 – April 27, 2022	<a href="#">1625975</a>	April 3, 2022	\$50
June 8 – June 29, 2022	<a href="#">1625977</a>	June 5, 2022	\$50
June 29 – July 20, 2022	<a href="#">1625978</a>	June 26, 2022	\$50
July 20 – August 10, 2022	<a href="#">1625979</a>	July 17, 2022	\$50

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## Region 4 ESC Gifted and Talented 2021 – 2022 Professional Learning Opportunities

### **G/T Curriculum and Instruction: Models of Differentiated Instruction Online**

Gain a foundational understanding of differentiation and learn how to develop an array of learning experiences to build upon students' unique readiness levels, learning profiles, and interests. Explore effective models of differentiated instruction in the classroom that address content, process, and/or product. Acquire instructional tools for incorporating differentiation in workable and successful ways. This is a facilitated, self-paced online course. Course login information will be emailed from [gifted@esc4.net](mailto:gifted@esc4.net) 1-2 days prior to the course start date.

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Session Dates	Session ID	Registration Available Through	Fee
September 8 – September 29, 2021	<a href="#">1625980</a>	September 5, 2021	\$50
September 29 – October 20, 2021	<a href="#">1625981</a>	September 26, 2021	\$50
October 20 – November 10, 2021	<a href="#">1625982</a>	October 17, 2021	\$50
November 10 – December 1, 2021	<a href="#">1625987</a>	November 7, 2021	\$50
February 2 – February 23, 2022	<a href="#">1625989</a>	January 30, 2022	\$50
April 6 – April 27, 2022	<a href="#">1625991</a>	April 3, 2022	\$50
June 8 – June 29, 2022	<a href="#">1625994</a>	June 5, 2022	\$50
June 29 – July 20, 2022	<a href="#">1625997</a>	June 26, 2022	\$50
July 20 – August 10, 2022	<a href="#">1626000</a>	July 17, 2022	\$50

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## Region 4 ESC Gifted and Talented 2021 – 2022 Professional Learning Opportunities

### **G/T Curriculum and Instruction: Engaging Gifted Students by Adding Depth and Complexity Online**

Understand the elements of depth and complexity from Dr. Sandra Kaplan’s model. Evaluate several strategies to help modify the depth and complexity of your content and encourage gifted students to become experts. Learn how to incorporate the elements of depth and complexity into your curriculum with engaging activities that naturally take students’ thinking to higher levels. Understand how depth and complexity assists in the development of advanced products and performances. This is a facilitated, self-paced online course. Course login information will be emailed from [gifted@esc4.net](mailto:gifted@esc4.net) 1-2 days prior to the course start date.

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Session Dates	Session ID	Registration Available Through	Fee
September 8 – September 29, 2021	<a href="#">1626001</a>	September 5, 2021	\$50
September 29 – October 20, 2021	<a href="#">1626003</a>	September 26, 2021	\$50
October 20 – November 10, 2021	<a href="#">1626005</a>	October 17, 2021	\$50
November 10 – December 1, 2021	<a href="#">1626011</a>	November 7, 2021	\$50
February 2 – February 23, 2022	<a href="#">1626014</a>	January 30, 2022	\$50
April 6 – April 27, 2022	<a href="#">1626017</a>	April 3, 2022	\$50
June 8 – June 29, 2022	<a href="#">1626022</a>	June 5, 2022	\$50
June 29 – July 20, 2022	<a href="#">1626027</a>	June 26, 2022	\$50
July 20 – August 10, 2022	<a href="#">1626028</a>	July 17, 2022	\$50

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## Region 4 ESC Gifted and Talented 2021 – 2022 Professional Learning Opportunities

### **G/T Curriculum and Instruction: Creative and Critical Thinking Online**

Understand the components of creative and critical thinking. Learn new tools for creating challenging learning experiences that develop students' creative and critical thinking abilities. Examine effective ways to develop activities that promote creativity, curiosity, higher-level thinking, decision-making, and innovation. This is a facilitated, self-paced online course. Course login information will be emailed from [gifted@esc4.net](mailto:gifted@esc4.net) 1-2 days prior to the course start date.

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Session Dates	Session ID	Registration Available Through	Fee
September 8 – September 29, 2021	<a href="#">1626030</a>	September 5, 2021	\$50
September 29 – October 20, 2021	<a href="#">1626032</a>	September 26, 2021	\$50
October 20 – November 10, 2021	<a href="#">1626039</a>	October 17, 2021	\$50
November 10 – December 1, 2021	<a href="#">1626040</a>	November 7, 2021	\$50
February 2 – February 23, 2022	<a href="#">1626041</a>	January 30, 2022	\$50
April 6 – April 27, 2022	<a href="#">1626042</a>	April 3, 2022	\$50
June 8 – June 29, 2022	<a href="#">1626043</a>	June 5, 2022	\$50
June 29 – July 20, 2022	<a href="#">1626044</a>	June 26, 2022	\$50
July 20 – August 10, 2022	<a href="#">1626045</a>	July 17, 2022	\$50

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# Region 4 ESC Gifted and Talented 2021 – 2022 Professional Learning Opportunities

## Facilitated Synchronous Session Opportunities

***These sessions begin and end in one day and will be provided at Region 4’s McKinney Center for face-to-face or through a virtual training platform, depending on current health guidelines.***

### **Nature and Needs of Gifted/Talented Students**

Gain a deep understanding of the benefits and challenges facing gifted students. Examine and analyze the history of gifted education, legal requirements, and service design options for the education of gifted and talented students. Explore and understand the various developmental differences, characteristics, behaviors, and needs of gifted/talented learners through research-based, hands-on activities.

Date	Location	Session ID	Fee
October 12, 2021	Region 4	<a href="#">1626049</a>	\$50 until 9/28/2021 \$100 after 9/28/2021
January 19, 2022	Region 4	<a href="#">1626051</a>	\$50 until 1/5/2022 \$100 after 1/5/2022
June 13, 2022	Region 4	<a href="#">1626052</a>	\$50 until 5/30/2022 \$100 after 5/30/2022
July 12, 2022	Region 4	<a href="#">1626054</a>	\$50 until 6/28/2022 \$100 after 6/28/2022

### **Identification and Assessment of Gifted/Talented Students**

Review the definition of giftedness according to the state of Texas and understand how the *Texas State Plan for Educating Gifted and Talented Students* guides the process for the identification of students for gifted services. Examine the gifted and talented identification process including information about assessment options and uncovering important considerations for the identification of culturally, linguistically, and economically diverse (CLEd) students to ensure all gifted students are identified.

Date	Location	Session ID	Fee
October 14, 2021	Region 4	<a href="#">1626055</a>	\$50 until 9/30/2021 \$100 after 9/30/2021
January 26, 2022	Region 4	<a href="#">1626056</a>	\$50 until 1/12/2022 \$100 after 1/12/2022
June 15, 2022	Region 4	<a href="#">1626058</a>	\$50 until 6/1/2022 \$100 after 6/1/2022
July 13, 2022	Region 4	<a href="#">1626060</a>	\$50 until 6/29/2022 \$100 after 6/29/2022

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## **Social and Emotional Needs of Gifted/Talented Students**

Build a working knowledge of the intense feelings and sensitivities of the gifted student. Learn to recognize and interpret the behaviors of gifted children and how these behaviors can affect their social growth and academic achievement. Participants will explore strategies to increase gifted students' awareness of their own social development and how it impacts their academic achievement.

Date	Location	Session ID	Fee
November 11, 2021	Region 4	<a href="#">1626062</a>	\$50 until 10/28/2021 \$100 after 10/28/2021
February 2, 2022	Region 4	<a href="#">1626063</a>	\$50 until 1/19/2022 \$100 after 1/19/2022
June 10, 2022	Region 4	<a href="#">1626064</a>	\$50 until 5/27/2022 \$100 after 5/27/2022
July 27, 2022	Region 4	<a href="#">1626066</a>	\$50 until 7/13/2022 \$100 after 7/13/2022

## **G/T Curriculum and Instruction: Models of Differentiated Instruction**

Gain a foundational understanding of differentiation and learn how to develop an array of learning experiences to build upon students' unique readiness levels, learning profiles, and interests. Explore effective models of differentiated instruction in the classroom that address content, process, and/or product. Acquire instructional tools for incorporating differentiation in workable and successful ways.

Date	Location	Session ID	Fee
October 27, 2021	Region 4	<a href="#">1626068</a>	\$50 until 10/13/2021 \$100 after 10/13/2021
February 4, 2022	Region 4	<a href="#">1626070</a>	\$50 until 1/21/2022 \$100 after 1/21/2022
June 16, 2022	Region 4	<a href="#">1626071</a>	\$50 until 6/2/2022 \$100 after 6/2/2022
July 14, 2022	Region 4	<a href="#">1626073</a>	\$50 until 6/30/2022 \$100 after 6/30/2022

## **G/T Curriculum and Instruction: Engaging Gifted Students by Adding Depth and Complexity**

Understand the elements of depth and complexity from Dr. Sandra Kaplan's model. Evaluate several strategies to help modify the depth and complexity of your content and encourage gifted students to become experts. Learn how to incorporate the elements of depth and complexity into your curriculum with engaging activities that naturally take students' thinking to higher levels. Understand how depth and complexity assists in the development of advanced products and performances.

Date	Location	Session ID	Fee
November 3, 2021	Region 4	<a href="#">1626074</a>	\$50 until 10/20/2021 \$100 after 10/20/2021
February 9, 2022	Region 4	<a href="#">1626075</a>	\$50 until 1/26/2022 \$100 after 1/26/2022
June 21, 2022	Region 4	<a href="#">1626076</a>	\$50 until 6/7/2022 \$100 after 6/7/2022
July 19, 2022	Region 4	<a href="#">1626077</a>	\$50 until 7/5/2022 \$100 after 7/5/2022

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## Region 4 ESC Gifted and Talented 2021 – 2022 Professional Learning Opportunities

### **G/T Curriculum and Instruction: Creative and Critical Thinking**

Understand the components of creative and critical thinking. Learn new tools for creating challenging learning experiences that develop students' creative and critical thinking abilities. Examine effective ways to develop activities that promote creativity, curiosity, higher-level thinking, decision-making, and innovation.

Date	Location	Session ID	Fee
November 9, 2021	Region 4	<a href="#">1626078</a>	\$50 until 10/26/2021 \$100 after 10/26/2021
March 3, 2022	Region 4	<a href="#">1626081</a>	\$50 until 2/17/2022 \$100 after 2/17/2022
June 23, 2022	Region 4	<a href="#">1626083</a>	\$50 until 6/9/2022 \$100 after 6/9/2022
July 21, 2022	Region 4	<a href="#">1626084</a>	\$50 until 7/7/2022 \$100 after 7/7/2022

### **Gifted and Talented Update Session Opportunities**

*These sessions begin and end in one day and will be provided at Region 4's McKinney Center for face-to-face or through a virtual training platform, depending on current health guidelines.*

### **Implementing the Texas Performance Standards Project (TPSP)**

Learn all about the Texas Performance Standards Project and why this tool provides an effective framework for meeting the state goal for gifted and talented services. Participants will explore the TPSP website and its key components to support classroom implementation. Participants will review a project in their respective grade bands, including related rubrics and systematic and systemic considerations. Participants will leave with first steps for an action plan to facilitate the creation of sophisticated student products through the Texas Performance Standards Project (TPSP).

Date	Location	Session ID	Fee
October 26, 2021	Region 4	<a href="#">1626088</a>	\$50 until 10/12/2021 \$100 after 10/12/2021
November 30, 2021	Region 4	<a href="#">1626091</a>	\$50 until 11/16/2021 \$100 after 11/16/2021
June 28, 2022	Region 4	<a href="#">1626096</a>	\$50 until 6/14/2022 \$100 after 6/14/2022
July 25, 2022	Region 4	<a href="#">1626098</a>	\$50 until 7/11/2022 \$100 after 7/11/2022

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# Region 4 ESC Gifted and Talented 2021 – 2022 Professional Learning Opportunities

## Gifted and Talented Administrator and Counselor Session Opportunities

***The 2019 revised Texas State Plan requires Administrators who have supervisory duties for G/T teachers and service decisions complete training that includes G/T nature and needs, service options, and teacher observation information. In addition, counselors who work with G/T students are to complete a 6-hour training that includes G/T nature and needs, service options, and social emotional needs. The sessions below fulfill these requirements. These sessions begin and end in one day and will be provided at Region 4’s McKinney Center for face-to-face or through a virtual training platform, depending on current health guidelines.***

### **Gifted/Talented District Implementation of Service Options: An Administrator’s Role**

Engage in activities designed to bring clarity to the definition of giftedness, the unique needs of gifted learners, and the *Texas State Plan for the Education of Gifted/Talented Students*. Leave with knowledge and tools to

- Assist in the recognition of the nature and needs of gifted students;
- Build a working knowledge of the intense feelings and sensitivities of gifted students;
- Understand how gifted behaviors and needs can affect the social growth and academic achievement of gifted learners;
- Consider district and campus compliance regarding gifted service options through an examination of the *Texas State Plan for the Education of Gifted/Talented Students*; and
- Understand the various service options for gifted students.

This professional learning opportunity fulfills the Administrator requirement outlined in the *Texas State Plan for the Education of Gifted/Talented Students*.

Date	Location	Session ID	Fee
September 22, 2021	Region 4	<a href="#">1626103</a>	\$50 until 9/8/2021 \$100 after 9/8/2021
December 7, 2021	Region 4	<a href="#">1626104</a>	\$50 until 11/23/2021 \$100 after 11/23/2021
February 15, 2022	Region 4	<a href="#">1626107</a>	\$50 until 2/1/2022 \$100 after 2/1/2022
June 27, 2022	Region 4	<a href="#">1626108</a>	\$50 until 6/13/2022 \$100 after 6/13/2022
August 2, 2022	Region 4	<a href="#">1626110</a>	\$50 until 7/19/2022 \$100 after 7/19/2022

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## **A Counselor’s Guide to Supporting Gifted Students**

Engage in activities designed to bring clarity to the definition of giftedness, the unique needs of gifted learners, and the *Texas State Plan for the Education of Gifted/Talented Students*. Leave with the knowledge and tools to

- Assist in the recognition of the nature and needs of gifted students;
- Understand the social emotional development and needs of gifted students;
- Approach proportional identification of students based on campus demographics;
- Understand the importance of the family-school partnerships and gifted services; and
- Understand the connection between the *Texas State Plan for the Education of Gifted/Talented Students* and the identification process along with available service options.

This professional learning opportunity fulfills the Counselor requirement outlined in the *Texas State Plan for the Education of Gifted/Talented Students*.

Date	Location	Session ID	Fee
September 23, 2021	Region 4	<a href="#">1626112</a>	\$50 until 9/9/2021 \$100 after 9/9/2021
December 8, 2021	Region 4	<a href="#">1626114</a>	\$50 until 11/24/2021 \$100 after 11/24/2021
February 22, 2022	Region 4	<a href="#">1626115</a>	\$50 until 2/8/2022 \$100 after 2/8/2022
June 29, 2022	Region 4	<a href="#">1626116</a>	\$50 until 6/15/2022 \$100 after 6/15/2022
August 1, 2022	Region 4	<a href="#">1626117</a>	\$50 until 7/18/2022 \$100 after 7/18/2022

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