

State Board for Educator Certification (SBEC): Texas Examinations of Educator Standards (TExES) Gifted and Talented Supplemental Certificate

The gifted and talented supplemental certification test is currently available. You may access information concerning the test and test preparation at <http://texas.ets.org>.

The certification earned through successful challenging of the TExES for Gifted and Talented replaces the Gifted and Talented Endorsement previously available through Texas university education programs. It is a *supplemental* certification for those providing services to gifted and talented students in Texas.

Texas law requires that educators providing services to gifted/talented students have the following qualifications as stated in the Texas Administrative Code §89.2 (<http://ritter.tea.state.tx.us/rules/tac/chapter089/ch089a.html>):

Professional Development

School districts shall ensure that:

- (1) prior to assignment in the program, teachers who provide instruction and services that are a part of the program for gifted students have a minimum of 30 hours of staff development that includes nature and needs of gifted/talented students, assessing student needs, and curriculum and instruction for gifted students;
- (2) teachers without training required in paragraph (1) of this section who provide instruction and services that are part of the gifted/talented program must complete the 30-hour training requirement within one semester;
- (3) 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; and
- (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.

Verification of quality professional development that meets the requirements described above and record keeping concerning that professional development is the responsibility of each local education agency. For assistance with this issue, please contact your regional Education Service Center (http://www.tea.state.tx.us/regional_services/esc/) or

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