



Castleberry ISD Gifted and Talented Certification Requirements

To meet the state requirements and the needs of Castleberry teachers, Advanced Academics provides a two-tier professional development model:

**Tier I – Initial G/T certification**, within CISD and or the Region XI Service Center: a 30-hour introduction to gifted and talented, assessment, identification, social and emotional needs, academic rigor, and curriculum differentiation, as required by 19 TAC 89.2(1) will be offered. Teachers must complete the initial 30 hours within one semester after being assigned an advanced course/to teach identified G/T students. G/T certification credit will be awarded once all 30 hours have been completed for the school year in which the last training was completed. The 30 Hour course consists of 5 6-hour trainings:

Common Understanding/Assessment and Identification	}	18 hours in Curriculum & Instruction
Social Emotional/Nature & Needs of Gifted/Talented Students		
Academic Rigor		
Differentiation I		
Differentiation II		

The “first 12 hours”: Common Understanding/Assessment and Identification and Social Emotional/Nature & Needs is required of all teachers in Castleberry before being G/T certified. The “last 18 hours”: Academic Rigor, Differentiation I, and Differentiation II can be earned alternatively through the following means with documentation (certificate, transcript, etc.) provided to Teaching Learning and Innovation:

- 30-hour G/T certification from another district or regional service center
- G/T state endorsement
- Advanced Placement Summer Institute (within three years)
- National Math and Science Initiative (within three years)
- AVID Summer Institute (within three years)
- Graduate courses in G/T
- G/T Conference/Convention (within three years)
- OnRamps Summer Institutes

**Tier II – Annual Renewal** - minimum of six hours annually of professional learning in gifted education before the beginning of the current school year, as required by 19 TAC 89.2(2). Renewal hours can only be earned and credited once the initial 30 hours has been completed. Any renewal hours earned will be credited to the subsequent year from which the participant’s G/T certification was last up to date, thus all renewal hours can be credited retroactively and up to 18 months into the future from the date of the training. Renewal hours may be earned by attending Advanced Academic led training focused on G/T instruction on campus, online, or through independent studies offered from AA and TLI. Renewal hours can also be earned through the following means with documentation (certificate, transcript, etc.) provided to TLI:

National Math and Science Initiative	TLI/AA Book Study
College Board workshop	Graduate courses in G/T
AP/Pre-AP Summer Institute	G/T Conference/Convention (ex: TAGT)
OnRamps Fall and Spring Professional Learning	Advanced content trainings
AVID Summer Institute	TLI/AA approved Independent Study
Education Service Center G/T Updates	



*(The following options include an additional requirement of a 1-page reflection about what you learned specific to G/T and how you will use what you learned to specifically meet the needs of advanced learners in your class.)*

- Conference/Convention/Training in advanced coursework
- Graduate courses in advanced coursework
- TLI/AA approved training in advanced coursework (must have prior approval)
- TLI/AA training in non-related coursework (ex: technology, zoo, BRIT, etc.; must have prior approval through AA/TLI)

CISD has the expectation that all Pre-AP(Honors)/AP teachers will attend at least 1 APSI 24+ hour training for the specific course taught. For AP teachers: an APSI must be attended before or within the first 12 months of teaching the course. For Pre-AP(Honors) teachers: an APSI must be attended within the first 2 years of teaching the course. The goal of the AA/TLI is all AP/Pre-AP(Honors) teachers will attend APSI every two years to remain current on College Board curriculum and instructional best practices.

AA/TLI will maintain an Excel database of current G/T certification status. Please submit all training documentation to AA/TLI, and inform TLI when you change schools, names, or assignments so that we may keep our database up to date.