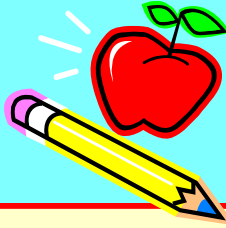




GT NEWS



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It's ALL in the Plan!

Exit Policy

An exit is a permanent removal from the Gifted and Talented program. The exit process may be initiated at the request of a parent, student, teacher, or campus selection committee or as a result of student being on furlough for a period of two years and not being reinstated. Parents must be notified of the exit process and given the opportunity for a conference or appeal.

An exit will be considered and/or granted in the following situations:

- 1) A student's academic performance does not meet expectations for participation in the gifted program and attempts to remedy this have failed.
- 2) Students have not taken any of the designated classes at the middle and/or high school level for a period of two or more years or have not been in a classroom at the elementary level with a Gifted and Talented trained teacher for a period of two or more years.
- 3) A request is made that the student be exited from the program.
- 4) A student was reassessed and found to no longer require gifted and talented services.

Exit from the GT program will occur only after parents have agreed or failed to respond to the notification of an exit. Students who are exited from the Gifted and Talented program are no longer included in the PEIMS data. For a student to re-enter the Gifted and Talented program, they must go through the identification process and re-



From the GT Conference

Practices of Good GT Teachers

Beverly Ask

- Be authoritative rather than authoritarian. Teachers of GT students should be firm, positive, encouraging and there to explain if needed, instead of controlling and rigid.
- Establish a relationship with students. They need to know their teacher cares about them and their thinking and what is important to them.
- Facilitate not dictate.
- Make learning purposeful.
- Use open-ended problems. For the lower groups, give them all the information to work with and solve, medium groups, leave one or more of the variables blank and let them come up with their own numbers, and for the high groups, let them supply the variables and possibly come up with their own question to solve for the problem.

Upcoming Events

We have our spring 2013 offerings for the GT Update DOK (Depth of Knowledge) online courses and 30 Hour GT online course.

30 Hour GT Online Course		
Spring 2013	Enrollment Dates	Course Dates
30 Hour GT online course	January 28 - February 1	February 4 - March 29
GT Update Online Course		
Spring 2013	Enrollment Dates	Course Dates
DOK online course	January 28 - February 1	February 4 - March 1
DOK online course	March 18 - 22	March 25 - April 26

Please Note: If you decide not to take the DOK online course you may choose other approved trainings:

- Region 16 AAS (Advanced Academic Services) credit.
- AIM
- Any AP or IB training.

Let me know your ideas or suggestions!!
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