

GATE Professional Development – 2014-2015

Date	Topic	Facilitator	Resources
Mon., Jul 27- Fri. Aug. 8	GATE Unit & Lesson Planning/Sharing for First Semester- 2014-2015 Objectives: Collaboratively Create and share lessons/lesson plans that require students to think critically, reason at high levels and be able to creatively solve problems.		Books: <i>Rigor and Engagement for Growing Minds;</i> <i>Infusing the Teaching of Critical Thinking into Content Instruction</i>
Wed., Aug. 13	Multicultural Awareness Objective: Examine cultural proficiency	Desiree Cueto, Multicultural Curriculum Director	Simulation: Banga: A Simulation Game on Cultural Clashes
Wed., Aug 20	Creating Rigorous Lessons I Objective: Using depth and complexity to create rigorous lessons	Helen LePage/ GATE Itinerant Teachers	Books: <i>Rigor and Engagement for Growing Minds;</i> <i>Infusing the Teaching of Critical Thinking into Content Instruction</i>
Wed., Aug. 27	Creating Rigorous Lessons II Objective: Using depth and complexity to create rigorous lessons	Helen LePage GATE Itinerant Teachers	Books: <i>Rigor and Engagement for Growing Minds;</i> <i>Infusing the Teaching of Critical Thinking into Content Instruction</i>
Wed., Sept. 3	Gifted Strategies That Work for All Students Objective: Examine how brain-based learning impacts learning for students	Helen LePage/ GATE Itinerant Teachers	Books: <i>Rigor and Engagement for Growing Minds;</i> <i>Infusing the Teaching of Critical Thinking into Content Instruction</i>
Wed., Sept.10	Review Danielson Framework & Work Flow and GATE Objectives: Analyze instructional strategies for high ability learners and how they fit into Danielson framework for teaching.	Helen LePage	Charlotte Danielson: <i>The Framework for Teaching – Evaluation Instrument</i>
Wed., Sept. 17	GATE Lesson Planning/Sharing Objectives: Collaboratively Create and share lessons/lesson plans that require students to think critically, reason at high levels and be able to creatively solve problems.	Helen LePage/ GATE Itinerant Teachers	<i>Rigor and Engagement for Growing Minds,</i> <i>Infusing the Teaching of Critical Thinking into Content Instruction,</i> <i>Interact Kits,</i> <i>Academic Games, GATE Literacy Kits, EMC Library, GATE Professional Books</i>

Mon., Tues, Wed., Sept. 22,23,24	GATE Lesson Planning/Sharing Objectives: Collaboratively Create and share lessons/lesson plans that require students to think critically, reason at high levels and be able to creatively solve problems.	Helen LePage/ GATE Itinerant Teachers	<i>Rigor and Engagement for Growing Minds, Infusing the Teaching of Critical Thinking into Content Instruction, Interact Kits, Academic Game Library, GATE Literacy Kits, EMC Library, GATE Professional Books Collection</i>
Wed., Oct. 1	Modeling of Rigorous Push-In Lessons Objectives: Lead teacher will model rigorous lessons to be implemented in mainstream classrooms.	Helen LePage/Nancy Marek	
Friday, Oct. 3	Grading Day-Report Cards 8:00-3:30 Objectives: Complete 1 st qtr. report cards	GATE Itinerant Teachers	GATE report card template and teacher grade books
Wed., Oct. 15	Testing Preparation Objectives: Review testing timeline and calendar and create testing schedules	Nancy Marek/Denise Orinski	Assessments: Raven Matrices, CogAT, Aprenda
Wed., Oct. 22	Testing Protocols - I Objectives: Review protocols for test administration	Helen LePage/ Juliet King	Assessments: Raven Matrices, CogAT, Aprenda
Wed., Oct. 29	Testing Protocols - II Objectives: Review protocols for test administration	GATE Itinerant Teachers	Assessments: Raven Matrices, CogAT, Aprenda
Wed., Nov. 5	Testing Materials Objectives: Distribute, organize and inventory testing materials	Helen LePage/ Denise Orinski	Assessments: Raven Matrices, CogAT, Aprenda
Wed., Nov. 12	ELL GATE Testing Protocols Objectives: How to implement testing accommodations for ELL students	Helen LePage	Spanish directions for all assessments and verbal portion of Aprenda
Wed., Nov. 19	Testing Debriefing Objectives: Analyze testing process and refine practices for future administration	Helen LePage	Teacher and office staff lists for refining practice
Wed., Nov. 26	Lesson Planning/Sharing Objectives: Collaboratively Create and share lessons/lesson plans that require students to think critically, reason at high levels and be able to creatively solve problems.	GATE Itinerant Teachers	<i>Rigor and Engagement for Growing Minds, Infusing the Teaching of Critical Thinking into Content Instruction, Interact Kits, Academic Game Library,</i>

			<i>GATE Literacy Kits, EMC Library, GATE Professional Books Collection</i>
Wed., Dec. 3	301 Site Funds/PLC Collaboration Objective: Provide information regarding 301 stipend	Helen LePage	TUSD 301 guidelines
Wed., Dec. 10	PLC- Collaboration Objective: Provide common collaboration time to focus on lesson sharing, research, units of study; project-based learning, technology integration, supporting and enriching the Az. Standards for College and Careers.	GATE Itinerant Teachers	<i>Rigor and Engagement for Growing Minds, Infusing the Teaching of Critical Thinking into Content Instruction, Interact Kits, Academic Game Library, GATE Literacy Kits, EMC Library, GATE Professional Books Collection</i>
Wed., Dec. 17	PLC – Collaboration Objective: Provide common collaboration time to focus on lesson sharing, research, units of study; project-based learning, technology integration, supporting and enriching the Az. Standards for College and Careers.	GATE Itinerant Teachers	<i>Rigor and Engagement for Growing Minds, Infusing the Teaching of Critical Thinking into Content Instruction, Interact Kits, Academic Game Library, GATE Literacy Kits, EMC Library, GATE Professional Books Collection</i>
Tu., Wed.;Thurs. Jan. 6,7.8	PLC Collaboration Objective: Provide common collaboration time to focus on lesson sharing, research, units of study; project-based learning, technology integration, supporting and enriching the Az. Standards for College and Careers.	GATE Itinerant Teachers	<i>Rigor and Engagement for Growing Minds, Infusing the Teaching of Critical Thinking into Content Instruction, Interact Kits, Academic Game Library, GATE Literacy Kits, EMC Library, GATE Professional Books Collection</i>

Wed., Jan. 14	GATE Placement Criteria/DISCOVER Pilot	Helen LePage	GATE placement criteria doc. DISCOVER Assessment
Wed., Jan. 21	Lesson Sharing	GATE Itinerant Teachers	Teacher-created lessons
Wed., Jan. 28	Math Talks	Helen LePage	Rodel Foundation: MacRo Math Video: <i>Math Talks</i> Teacher Workshop materials
Wed., Feb. 4	Citing Evidence in Text	Helen LePage	Standards Doc.: Common Core Standards,
Wed., Feb. 11	PLC – Collaboration Objective: Provide common collaboration time to focus on lesson sharing, research, units of study; project-based learning, technology integration, supporting and enriching the Az. Standards for College and Careers.	GATE Itinerant Teachers	<i>Rigor and Engagement for Growing Minds, Infusing the Teaching of Critical Thinking into Content Instruction, Interact Kits, Academic Game Library, GATE Literacy Kits, EMC Library, GATE Professional Books Collection</i>
Wed., Feb. 12, 13 (P/T Conf.)	4th Qtr. Lesson Planning	GATE Itinerant Teachers	<i>Rigor and Engagement for Growing Minds, Infusing the Teaching of Critical Thinking into Content Instruction, Interact Kits, Academic Game Library, GATE Literacy Kits, EMC Library, GATE Professional Books Collection</i>

Wed., Feb. 18	Debates/Persuasive Writing	Helen LePage	Educational Magazine: Scholastic Action Book: Marzano's Classroom Strategies That Work
Wed., March 4	Math Strategies for Rigorous Activities Objectives: Explore various math strategies to increase critical thinking in mathematics.	Helen LePage	Standards Doc.: Common Core Standards Internet: Scholastic.com
Wed., March 11	Strategies and Tools for Solving Context Problems	Helen LePage	Standards Doc.: Common Core Standards Rodel Foundation: Mac Ro Math Internet: MathStories.com
Wed., Mach 25	Computer Program Overviews for 3D Design and Animation. Objective: Mastering technology strategies for teaching creation of 3D objects, models and animations.	John Moritz	Internet: Sketcup.com Blender.com
Wed., April 1	Applying 3D Design and Animation in Computer Lab Objective: Practicing technology strategies for teaching creation of 3D objects, models and animations.		Internet: Sketcup.com Blender.com
Wed., April 8	Az. Merit Training at TUSD Schools Objective: Preparing to administer Az. Merit assessment at schools.	Site principals and testing coordinators	Az. Merit Testing Materials/TUSD Testing Protocols
Wed., April 15	Depth of Knowledge – Part I Objectives: Gain an understanding of how depth and complexity impact academic rigor	Helen LePage	<i>Norman L. Webb's Depth of Knowledge</i>
April 22	Depth of Knowledge – Part I Objectives: Gain an understanding of how depth and complexity impact academic rigor	Helen LePage	<i>Norman L. Webb's Depth of Knowledge</i>
Wed., April 29	Debriefing the Year Objectives: Discuss – What worked/What planning needs to take place for next year?	Helen LePage GATE Itinerant Teachers	Personal Reflections

Wed., May 6	Cultural Proficiency: Culturally Responsive Practices	Jimmy Hart Maria Figueroa	
May 11- May 22	GATE Unit & Lesson Planning/Sharing for First Semester – 2015-2016 Objectives: Collaboratively Create and share lessons/lesson plans that require students to think critically, reason at high levels and be able to creatively solve problems.		<i>Rigor and Engagement for Growing Minds, Infusing the Teaching of Critical Thinking into Content Instruction, Interact Kits, Academic Game Library, GATE Literacy Kits, EMC Library, GATE Professional Books Collection</i>