



TEXAS ASSOCIATION FOR THE
GIFTED & TALENTED

What Is TAGT??

- The nation's **largest** state G/T advocacy and professional learning organization
- More than **3,800 members**
- Classified as a 501(c)(3) **nonprofit membership** organization



TAGT Mission

The Texas Association for the Gifted & Talented connects and empowers educators and parents to meet the unique needs of gifted and talented individuals through awareness, advocacy and action.



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www.txgifted.org/advocacy



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86th Legislative Session



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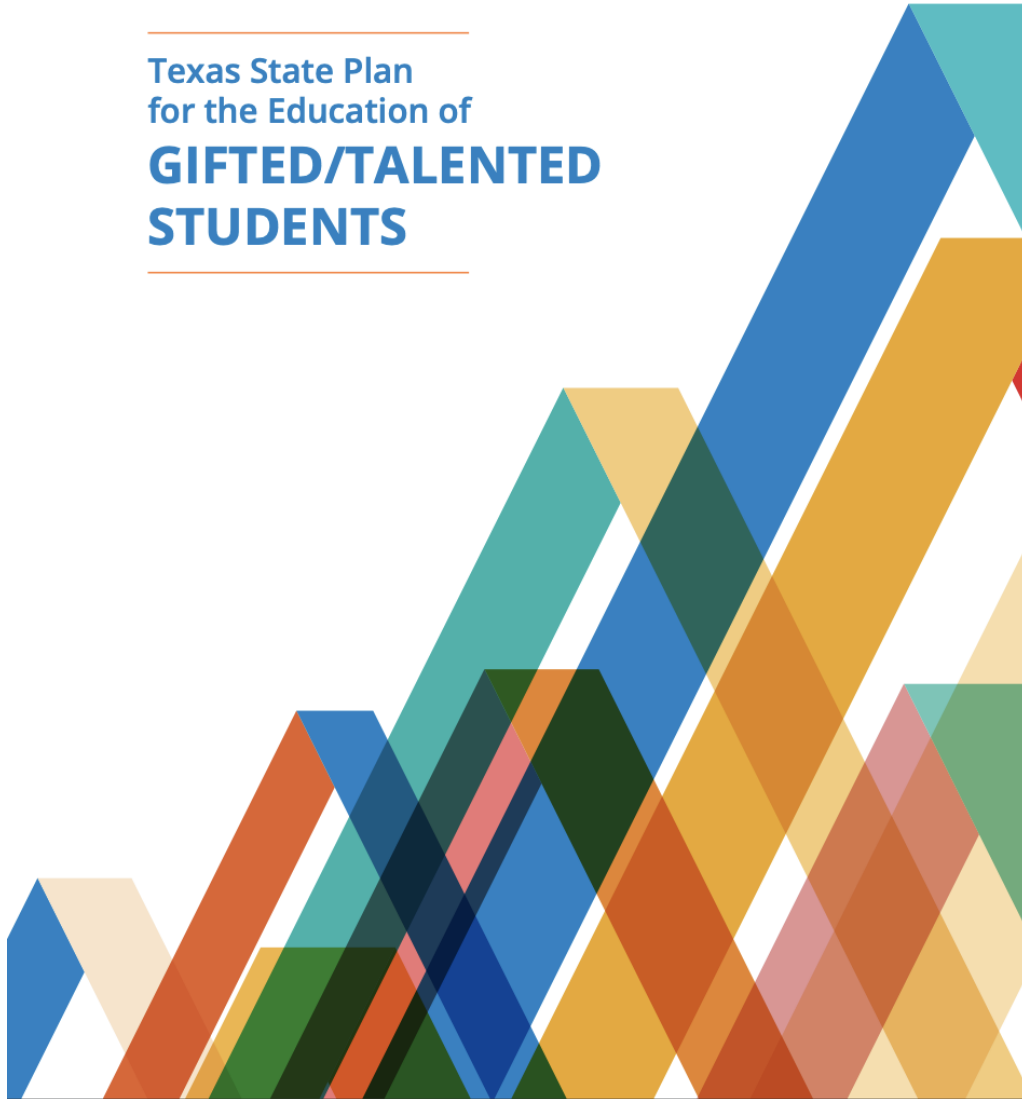
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- Requires a **policy regarding the use of funds** to support the district's G/T program
- Requires districts to **annually certify** to TEA that the district has established a **G/T program that is consistent with the state plan**
- If the commissioner determines that a school district has failed to comply with the certification and state plan, **the commissioner can reduce district's funding.**
- Requires districts to **report to TEA the use of funds** on the district's G/T program
- Confirms that there is **no limit to the number of students** that a school district may identify as gifted and talented or serve under the district 's program for gifted and talented students.





Texas State Plan
for the Education of
**GIFTED/TALENTED
STUDENTS**



The State Plan provides requirements for and guidance to districts as they meet the unique needs of the G/T population in Texas.



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Texas State Plan for the Education of G/T Students


- 1. FIDELITY OF SERVICES**
- 2. STUDENT ASSESSMENT**
- 3. SERVICE DESIGN**
- 4. CURRICULUM AND INSTRUCTION**
- 5. PROFESSIONAL LEARNING**
- 6. FAMILY/COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT**
- 7. GLOSSARY**





Texas State Plan for the Education of G/T Students


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 **6.2**
6.2 Input from family and community representatives on gifted/talented identification and assessment procedures is invited annually.


 **6.3**
6.3 Information is shared or meetings are held annually requesting parent and community recommendations regarding students who may need gifted/talented services.

 **6.5**
6.5 An array of learning opportunities is provided for gifted/talented students in grades K–12, and parents are informed of all gifted/talented services and opportunities.

 **6.6**
6.6 Products and achievements of gifted/talented students are shared with the community.

 **6.7**
6.7 Orientation and periodic updates are provided for parents of students who are identified as gifted/talented and provided gifted/talented services.

 **6.8**
6.8 The effectiveness of gifted/talented services is evaluated annually, shared with the board of trustees, and the data is used to modify and update district and campus improvement plans. Parents are included in the evaluation process, and the outcomes and findings of the evaluation are shared with parents.

 **1.10**
1.10 Develop a comprehensive manual or program guide describing all gifted/talented programs, services, assessments, and communication, which is accessible to parents, community and students and includes district G/T contact information.



Texas State Plan for the Education of G/T Students

RESOURCES

- Northside ISD Advanced Academics:
nisd.net/gtpaa/welcome
- TEA:
[tea.texas.gov/Academics/Special Student Populations/Gifted and Talented Education/Gifted Talented Education](http://tea.texas.gov/Academics/Special_Student_Populations/Gifted_and_Talented_Education/Gifted_Talented_Education)
- Texas State Plan Database:
sites.google.com/numien.com/tsp





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EDUCATION



COMMUNITY



PARENTS



SCHOLARSHIPS



VOLUNTEER



NEWS & INFO



CAREERS



RESOURCES



TAGGT
PULSE

**Pulse of the Gifted Community
| Conversations | Highlights**



#gtchat
powered by TAGGT

**Global Twitter Chat
| Topics | Virtual Connections**



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Keep the Conversation Going!



TAGT
CONNECT

An online, virtual community where members can collaborate, share, and engage with their peers.

connect.txgifted.org

Parent Resources



WEBINAR FACILITATOR'S GUIDE (APRIL 2019)



WEBINAR FACILITATOR'S GUIDE (SEPT. 2018)

www.txgifted.org/webinar



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Parent Resources

**PARENT
RESOURCE
FOR NEWLY
IDENTIFIED
STUDENTS –
PARENT TO
PARENT**

PARENT SUPPORT GROUP (PSG): QUICK START GUIDE!

1. GET ORGANIZED - G/T FAMILIES NEED SUPPORT

Parents or educators can start a PSG! All you need is a desire to support G/T parents, educators, and students. As few as 2 - 5 supporters can start a group, but it does not need to be a formal non-profit or district-affiliated group to be a PSG!

2. JOIN TAGT (TEXAS ASSOCIATION FOR THE GIFTED AND TALENTED)

When PSGs join TAGT their members can receive Affiliated Parent Memberships that come with a variety of benefits. In addition, each group also receives a complimentary conference registration for the President or another designee. There is strength in numbers! Connecting parents protects G/T in Texas!

3. SET INITIAL GROUP GOALS*

Start simple! Ask G/T parents, students, and educators about local G/T needs. Thinking about current needs of families within your community can inspire parents to get involved.
* Samples of group Mission Statements and Bylaws are available on request.

4. PUBLICIZE

Create a flyer, brochure, or social media page for your District's G/T Coordinator or PTO/PTA to share with parents. This lets others know about the group's goals and gets them involved!

5. COMMUNICATE & BUILD SUPPORT

Groups can use e-lists, newsletters, online groups, coffee meet-ups, or speaker events to network and learn (G/T Coordinators can help!). Find what works best for your group.

6. COLLABORATE & GROW

Parent Groups do more as they grow! Texas PSGs can provide parent education, student enrichment, supplies, scholarships, teacher appreciation, positive advocacy, and help to diffuse an "us versus them" mentality. A PSG helps G/T students and communities achieve their potential!



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FOR MORE INFO:

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“As a gifted educator, parent, and GT advocate in Texas, TAGT has provided prodigious support in the gifted and talented community that has been transformative. The resources, instructional strategies, partnerships, advocacy and parental support that I have gained through being an active member in TAGT are unparalleled. ”

-Jessica Fair, Parent, Teacher



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December 4-6, 2019 **SAN ANTONIO**

JW Marriott San Antonio Hill Country

www.tagtconference.org