



# **Highly Qualified Gifted Education Teachers**

---

## **What is Being Proposed and Why**

**Presented by:**

**Teresa Rowlison, Ph.D.**

**Associate Professor/Program Coordinator**

**New Mexico State University**



# Introduction

---

**The purpose of this presentation is to provide an overview of the Highly Qualified Gifted Education Teacher requirement, what is being proposed, and why.**

**Participants will increase their understanding of how gifted education teachers will demonstrate that they are Highly Qualified under this requirement.**

# NMAG Position Statement

---

- **The New Mexico Association for the Gifted (NMAG) believes that all learners deserve the highest quality of instruction possible and that such instruction will only occur when teachers are aware of and able to respond to the unique qualities and characteristics of the students they instruct.**
- **<http://nmgifted.org/>**



# **Gifted Education Competencies**

---

- **The proposed Gifted Education Teacher Competences have been created to be aligned with the National Association for Gifted Children (NAGC) and Council for Exceptional Children (CEC) graduate program standards, which have been approved by the National Council for the Accreditation of Teacher Education (NCATE).**

# HQ Gifted Education Teachers

---

**Gifted Education Teachers will be able to demonstrate that they are Highly Qualified in one of the three following ways:**

- **Complete 12 graduate credit hours in gifted education**
- **Pass a state approved Gifted Education test**
- **Demonstrate the gifted education teacher competencies through a portfolio process.**

# **Gifted Education Graduate Courses**

---

**Gifted Education Graduate Courses are available at:**

- Eastern New Mexico University (online and/or ITV)**
- New Mexico Highlands University – Farmington (online)**
- New Mexico State University (online)**
- Western New Mexico University – Gallup (face-to-face)**
- University of New Mexico (face-to-face)**



# Gifted Education Course Topics

---

- **Characteristics and needs of gifted learners**
- **Curriculum for gifted learners**
- **Strategies for gifted learners**
- **Twice exceptional and other special populations of gifted learners**



# **Gifted Education Test**

---

**The Educational Testing Service (ETS) provides a Gifted Education Exam as part of their Praxis Series: Teacher Licensure and Certification.**

**If this requirement is implemented, New Mexico will probably create its own Gifted Education test. However, until that occurs, a test that is considered to be equivalent will be acceptable.**



# Portfolio Process

---

**In order for gifted education teachers to successfully demonstrate the proposed gifted education teacher competencies, they must:**

- Successful annual evaluations locally for the three previous school years for teaching gifted education.**
- Provide evidence of competency in six required areas.**
- Provide video of a minimum of two 20 minute gifted education lessons.**



# **Required Portfolio Areas**

---

- **Educational Philosophy**
- **Student Achievement Data**
- **Individualized Education Plans**
- **Instructional Plans and Materials**
- **Assessment Techniques**
- **Standards Implementation**

# Next Steps

---

- **During the 2008 Legislative Session, Teresa Zanetti sponsored HB 347.**
- **Financial impact statement excessively inflated**
- **Increase awareness of process and progress already made**
- **Submit similar Legislation in 2009 and solicit support**



# Questions or Comments

---

**For follow-up information, please contact**

**Teresa Rowlison**

**[rowlison@nmsu.edu](mailto:rowlison@nmsu.edu)**