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MEMORANDUM

Annual six-hour Gifted and Talented Update Training

To: Texas institutions of learning

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Great Expectations (GE) Methodology Training and Great Expectations (GE) Advanced Classes exceed the requirements for fulfillment of the annual six-hour Gifted and Talented update training for the state of Texas.

Great Expectations Methodology Training is professional development which consists of 28 hours of research based instructional strategies. Embedded in this training are 17 Classroom Practices that enhance the educator's ability to differentiate instruction and ensure the success of all learners. GE training provides the educators with resources and skills to meet the educational needs of all students- including the advanced learners. These skills allow the educator to adjust the depth, complexity, and pacing of lessons to meet the needs of the G/T student. The educator is provided with the needed skills to make intensive and specific modifications to insure success for all. GE Methodology fulfills the requirement for 6 hours of Gifted and Talented update training.

Great Expectations Advanced Classes each consist of 14 hours of research and evidence based instruction focused on one particular instructional strategy. A participant at a GE Institute who has previously completed the GE Methodology Training enrolls in two GE Advanced Classes, thus completing a total of 28 hours of research based instructional strategies. Each GE Advanced Class fulfills the requirement for 3 hours of Gifted and Talented training. Upon the completion of two GE Advanced Classes, the participant has fulfilled the requirement for 6 hours of Gifted and Talented training.

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