
NMAG is a non-profit organization of gifted education professionals who are joined together to advocate for gifted education in New Mexico to address the unique social, emotional and intellectual needs of gifted students. Visit the NMAG website at: <http://nmgifted.org/> NMAG is a state affiliate of the [National Association For Gifted Children](http://www.nagc.org/) (NAGC).

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The NMAG 2008 Summer Institute on Gifted Education



The 2008 Summer Institute is being held at the Radisson in Albuquerque July 30-31 and August 1. Parents and professionals are welcome to attend any and all of the Summer Institute activities.



Gifted Advocacy in Los Alamos

For more information about what is going on regarding gifted issues in Los Alamos, please contact Diane Hammon at: ddrjhammon@earthlink.net

Parents and community members have come together to advocated for gifted funding for services in the Los Alamos area. We are starting our own grassroots effort to energize our schools and others to get the ball rolling on gifted issues. We are currently trying to spread the word about what the proposed funding formula changes would mean to gifted students in the state of New Mexico. We would appreciate any help in spreading the word by communities throughout the state on standing up for gifted education as presently protected in New Mexico.

Enormous education within everyone's districts needs to happen immediately to acquaint ourselves with the new *Technical Assistance Manual for Gifted Education in New Mexico* and what House Bill 241 would really do to Gifted education if passed as proposed in the 2008 Legislative session. Help is needed by contacting representatives and senators throughout the state and educating them on what gifted education is in New Mexico and why it is important to NOT change it through a new funding formula by using fund previously generated by gifted students to pay for it.

The Legislative Education Study Committee (LESC) has three more regional meetings before they start meeting in Santa Fe in preparation for the session.

- August 6-8, the LESC will be meeting in Farmington.
- September 8-10, the LESC will be meeting in Raton.
- October 8-10, the LESC will be meeting in Deming.

Parents, community members, and other advocates for gifted education are encouraged to attend the meeting in their region and communicate to the LESC how important it is to require gifted services and provide funding to support them. If you would like information about the NMAG talking points related to state legislative issues, please visit the NMAG website at: <http://nmgifted.org/> under **NM Proposed Education Funding Formula may negatively impact gifted education.**

New Mexico Association for the Gifted (NMAG) Update

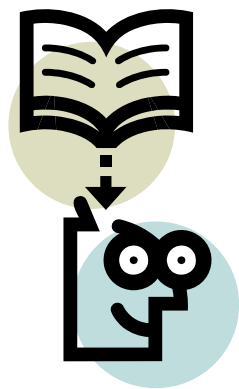
An NMAG Executive Board meeting was held May 5, 2008 in Albuquerque. Those present included: Pam Sutcliffe, President; Susan Boyles, President Elect; Niki Mott, Public Relations, Sarah Reid, Secretary; and Teresa Rowilson, Newsletter Editor. The Executive Board continued to work on plans for the 2008 Summer Institute. The next general membership meeting and elections will be held at the Summer Institute. Please plan to attend.

National Association for Gifted Children (NAGC) Update

NAGC is gearing up for “Growing Gifted in the Sunshine State,” the NAGC 55th Annual Convention, October 30 – November 2, in Tampa. Several NMAG members have been accepted to present at the conference. We hope that even more NMAG members will attend. For more information, please visit the NAGC website at <http://www.nagc.org/index.aspx?id=2415>

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Feedback and Newsletter Submissions

We would like to welcome feedback on the newsletter and appropriate information to share in the newsletter. Information received for consideration, if published, will appear in the following quarter's newsletter, so please submit time sensitive information as early as possible. Please send feedback and information for consideration to Teresa Rowilson at rowilson@nmsu.edu



Gifted Courses Available this Fall

Eastern New Mexico University

SPED 593: *Topics in Special Education – Gifted-Communication, Collaboration and Consultation* (ITV). This course focuses on special populations of gifted learners who possess unique characteristics and needs. For more information, please contact Michael Shaughnessy at michael.shaughnessy@enmu.edu

Highlands University - Farmington

SPED 535: *Special Topics – Strategies for Gifted Learners* (online). This course focuses on strategies and teaching models in the education of gifted learners and comprehensively reviews teaching–learning models that can be used in the development and implementation of a curriculum for gifted learners.

SPED 535: *Special Topics – Culturally*

Different Gifted Learners (online). This course focuses on issues related to the characteristics, identification, and development of appropriate educational services for culturally different gifted learners. For more information, please contact John Frazzini at jfrazzini@lcps.k12.nm.us

New Mexico State University

SPED 501: *Nature and Needs of Gifted Learners* (online). This introductory graduate level course offers an overview of the characteristics and needs of gifted learners. For more information, please contact Teresa Rowilson at rowilson@nmsu.edu

University of New Mexico

SpEd 470/570: *Introduction to Gifted Education* (face-to-face). This introductory graduate level course offers an overview of the characteristics and needs of gifted learners.

SpEd 577: *Curriculum for Gifted Students* (face-to-face). This course focuses upon the development of appropriate curriculum, courses, and units for gifted learners. For more information, please contact Elizabeth Nielsen at enielsen@unm.edu

Western New Mexico University – Gallup

SPED 580: *Special Topics - Nature and Needs of Gifted Learners*. This introductory graduate level course offers an overview of the characteristics and needs of gifted learners. For more information, please contact Geoffrey Moon at gmoon@gmcs.k12.nm.us