

Highlights

*Now that the start of the new school year bustle of activities has transitioned into routines and attempting to avoid distractions that interfere with managing priorities, Gifted Education here in NWA has primarily three issues.*

1. Providing resources and support for districts delivery of K – 12 GT Program Option services.
2. Supporting 6 NWA school districts preparing for Technical Assistance Visits.
3. Registering teams / individuals for extracurricular opportunities that benefit gifted learners. Then hosting the event.

*The key to success for an ESC GT Specialist is simply to master the well-conceived email that encourages open- lines for communication. My criteria are:*

* Send out only valuable information
* Clear & concise subject heading
* Meaningful & short text in the body delivered with a friendly / welcoming voice
* Pertinent document access
* Keep correspondences timely, to be sensitive to the needs at hand.

*This is extremely challenging given the number of activities in play during the fall months: ACE season, Math Day event, Quiz Bowl Tournaments, Chess Tournament, and various announcements for attending conferences, worthy trainings, scheduled meetings, current ADE news, and awareness of approaching deadline.*

Please contact me if I can help you!

Calendar

Oct. 1 AGATE presentation proposal due

Oct. 4 AP on-line Program Application due

Oct. 7 NWA monthly GT Coordinators meeting

& planning meeting for Math Day & SO

Oct. 13 AP Administrators Webinar @ all coops

Oct. 15 GT Program Approval Application due

Oct. 20 OM Coaches Training – Ozark Region

Oct. 22 Fall NWA Open Chess Tournament

Oct. 27 ACE Pre-Season Practice games @ FHS

Oct. 28 NWA MATH DAY event @ Prairie Grove Christian Church

Nov. 3 - 6 NAGC Convention / Orlando, FL

Nov. 8 – 11 6 NWA GT programs have TAV

Nov. 8 AEGIS Camp Grant Applications due

Nov. 9 AGATE Award nomination due

Nov. 9 AGATE Student Enrichment Grants due

Nov. 23-25 Thanksgiving Vacation

Dec. 1 & 2 NWA Quiz Bowl Tournaments @ Prairie Grove Church

Dec. 7 ACE games 1 & 2 & 3 @Shiloh Christian

Dec. 12 NWA monthly GT Coordinators meeting

Dec. 30 ACT 56 Applications due

Dec. 17 – Jan. 1 Winter Break Vacation

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