

**Calendar**

**July 25-26**

GT Planning Summer PD

**July 30-31**

Pre-APEnglish, Social Sciences, & Math

One-day Training Workshops

**Week of August 6** **– 10**

Most NWA teachers attend

Professional Development in-service

days for new school year

**August 13**

Start of school for most local students

**August 24**

NWA GT Program Coordinators attend state-wide ZOOM meeting at Coop

**August 28**

ACE & Quiz Bowl coaches’ meeting

**September 3**

Labor Day Holiday

**September 21**

AGATE Board Meeting

**September 26-27**

AAGEA Fall Conference & GT Specialist

Meeting in North Little Rock, AR

*Advocating Opportunities for Gifted and Talented Students to grow and shine*

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**Highlights**

The summer months are traditionally quiet for the NWA Gifted & Talented Specialist. This summer, however, we are taking a proactive approach to have a “unconference” in July to plan and share ideas for curriculum and program updates for new and experience GT Coordinators in preparation for TAV and needed updates for GT programs.

The NWAESC is also hosting three summer professional development one-day workshops relevant to Gifted Education and Pre-AP trainings.

School districts start back to school a week earlier than usual, so ensuring teachers have enough professional development addressing areas of reinforcement is even more important before starting off the new year.

The GT Specialist plans to work extensively with the five school districts receiving a Technical Assistance Visit by the ADE Office of GT/AP: Elkins, Pea Ridge, Lincoln, Fayetteville, and Springdale from now until the end of October.

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