

Gifted Education in PA

News and Resources for Gifted Educators in Pennsylvania

Welcome to the Gifted Education in PA Newsletter!

This newsletter will be the first of a series that will be coming to you a few times a year. We will include information and resources on gifted education and will share the great things that you are already doing. Please let us know if there is a certain resource or article that you would like us to include.

Complete the Gifted Survey for Pennsylvania

Over the next few months the Gifted Education team at the Pennsylvania Department of Education will be creating new professional development, organizing resources and determining the needs of the state. In order to help us in this process we have created a Google Survey that we would like you to complete. Survey data will be collected and analyzed to determine the needs related to gifted education in the state.

Gifted Educators, Administrators and/or teachers may complete the survey and it should only take a few minutes of your time. We do not ask for your school district or name.

Please complete surveys by **March 6, 2020**.

Link to Survey:

<http://bit.ly/GiftedInPA>

Thank you for your participation in this important needs assessment.

Intermediate Unit Liaisons to Meet in Harrisburg in April

In April the 29 Intermediate Unit Liaisons will be meeting in Harrisburg to discuss survey results, review current resources and determine future needs of the state. The results of this meeting will be shared with all of you as we move forward with new initiatives.

This meeting is for Intermediate Unit Liaisons only and is by invitation only. We have had many inquiries from teachers asking if they can attend. Due to the overwhelming interest we decided that we will offer regional meetings that will be open to everyone. When those regional meetings are scheduled we will send the information out through your Intermediate Unit Liaison.

Share your good news!

Send us events, resources or articles related to gifted education. We love pictures and links that will provide more information. We will share these in future newsletters. Please send to giftedinpa@gmail.com.

For those of you that share your gifted news on Twitter, use #giftedinpa.



Meet the Gifted Education in PA team:

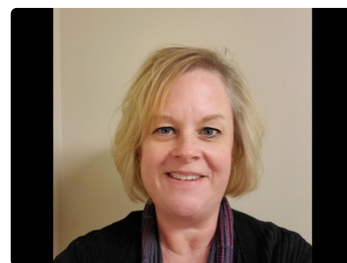
Shirley Moyer, Special Education Advisor, Pennsylvania Department of Education

Welcome to Gifted Education in PA! I joined PDE/BSE in October 2018 as the Special Education Adviser for Gifted Education after 36 years of experience in a variety of roles in education including teacher, principal, supervisor of special education, director of pupil services. I have worked in prisons, public schools, and IU's across the Commonwealth in grades pre-K through adult education. The work I do is grounded in compliance and I am available to all stakeholders to respond to gifted questions. I am thrilled to be working with Amy Davis and Patrice Semicek, whose work is grounded in best practices, as we strive to ensure our messages are the same as we work toward improving gifted services within the Commonwealth.



Amy Davis, Western PA Gifted Liaison

For the past 14 years I have worked at the Allegheny Intermediate Unit in gifted education, career education, academic events and financial literacy. I served on the Pennsylvania Association for Gifted Education board for 7 years as the Treasurer and Conference Chair for two of the Pittsburgh based conferences. I've been fortunate to have attended and presented at local, regional and national gifted conferences. I look forward to working with the Intermediate Unit Liaisons as well as Shirley and Patrice on some exciting new initiatives.



Patrice Semicek, Eastern PA Gifted Liaison

I am so excited to be a part of this dynamic team! I grew up just outside of Orlando, Florida and moved to the Philadelphia area in 2004 when I started working for the School District of Philadelphia as an elementary teacher. After working with some of the most amazing young people for 5 years, I decided it was time for a change and started teaching at the Montgomery County Intermediate Unit as an autistic support teacher. In 2011, I was asked to join the Training and Consulting department and it's been a whirlwind since! In the past 8 years I have grown tremendously in the areas of literacy, STEM, special education and gifted. I am so thankful for the opportunity to work with Amy and Shirley and can't wait for what is to come!



Did You Know? Gifted Frequently Asked Questions

Must a Gifted Individualized Education Plan meeting be held for students who will be graduating from high school?

All procedures outlined in Pennsylvania Code (22 Pa. Code Chapter 16) are in place for any student whose Gifted Individualized Education Plan anniversary date is prior to 30 days of graduation, therefore a gifted team meeting must be held and a Notice of Recommended Assignment (NORA) issued if the annual review is outside of the last 30 calendar days of school.


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