

G/T Tuesday January 5, 2021 Chat Log

00:06:48 Jennine Zeleznik - Comal ISD: Happy New Year!

00:07:11 Debbie Bible: Happy New Year!

00:07:27 Lori Weinheimer: Happy New Year from Lampasas ISD!

00:07:37 Leigh Castellanos: Good Morning From McAllen ISD!!!!

00:07:41 LeTrecia Hale: Good morning from Wylie ISD!~

00:07:46 Angela Neal: Happy New Year from Angleton ISD!

00:09:15 Darla Leach: Happy New Year from Santa Fe ISD!

00:09:30 Melissa Abadie: Good morning from Waxahachie ISD!

00:09:31 Amber Reinecke: <https://dshs.texas.gov/coronavirus/schools/texas-education-agency/>

00:09:43 Mallory Pouliasis: Good morning! Jacksonville ISD

00:10:09 Lisa Hall: Good morning from Mexia ISD.

00:10:30 Chris Reichelt: Happy New Year from Conroe ISD!

00:10:48 Jason Merik: Happy New Year from Willis ISD!

00:10:57 Nancy Franklin: Good morning! And Happy New Year from Socorro ISD in El Paso.

00:11:02 Amy Donnelly: Happy New Years! School of Science and Technology

00:11:23 Pamela Johnson: Students come back tomorrow in Pasadena.

00:11:35 Stefanie Hoover: Students come back tomorrow in Wylie!

00:11:38 Chris Reichelt: Anyone know if there will be a TAGT Leadership conference this year?

00:11:48 Amber Reinecke: Good morning from Region 13 in Austin :)

00:11:49 Celeste Sodergren: Students are back today in Manor.

00:12:00 Celeste Sodergren: Good morning Amber and Paulina!

00:12:01 Candy Tijerina: Liberty Hill ISD is back in session both in-person and virtually :)

00:12:20 Darla Leach: Santa Fe students will return tomorrow.

00:12:29 Angela Neal: Students back today in Angleton

00:13:12 Laura Pustejovsky: Our students in El Campo returned yesterday. So far, our staff numbers are up some and we are possibly postponing a Depth & Complexity training this week due to a sub shortage.

00:15:16 Cindy Bills: Boerne students return on 1/11. Staff is back today. :-)

00:17:44 Cheryl Harris: Thanks, Paulina!

00:20:02 gretchen.nabi: Students back today in Tyler ISD!

00:20:12 Brigette Cardenas: Students back tomorrow in Mansfield

00:20:44 Amber Reinecke: Link to resource page if anyone needs it:  
<https://tea.texas.gov/academics/special-student-populations/gifted-and-talented-education/gifted-talented-education-resources>

00:20:51 Amber Reinecke: I love the new update :)

00:27:38 Samantha Fritz: Has anyone completed their testing yet?

00:28:16 Brigette Cardenas: @ Samantha, we did our widescreeners already. ANd we are in our K-6 referral window now

00:29:42 Mel Harlan: @Samantha Forney has almost finished 2-8 (mostly waiting on Torrance results) and we are in the middle of K-1 testing.

00:29:52 Donna Hodge: Screenings completed here in Keller, and we are now in our first testing window of the spring.

00:30:20 stephanie rivera: We are testing Kinder in Feb...Spring Testing in April

00:30:29 Jennine Zeleznik - Comal ISD: We just wrapped up testing for grades 1-12, with newly identified students beginning services this week in Comal ISD.

00:30:42 Amanda Khan: Pasadena is 95% complete with identification.

00:31:10 Darla Leach: Kindergarten screening is complete. Sending home permission to test. Other grade levels is almost done from the Fall semester. (Santa Fe)

00:31:47 Jennifer Silva: What are y'all using to screen Kindergarten?

00:32:07 Darla Leach: We are using Raven as our Kindergarten screener.

00:32:09 Amy Harp: Denton completed a fall testing session, currently testing Kinder, universal screener scheduled for February (we had to reschedule from fall)

00:32:09 Celeste Sodergren: Isn't there a March 1 requirement to identify Kinder?

00:32:09 Stefanie Hoover: We have one more small group of Kinders to test but we will be done in the next two weeks.

00:32:14 Stefanie Hoover: We use CogAT at MAP

00:32:21 Samantha Fritz: Thanks for responding everyone.

00:33:23 Mel Harlan: @Darla we used Planned Experiences to screen k-1 and will be using a combo of qualitative results from the PEs and quantitative results from MAP, NNAT3, and Torrance to evaluate for services

00:34:53 Brigette Cardenas: Where is minimum of 4 or 33% written out so I can refer to it specifically?

00:35:33 Darla Leach: @Mel - I piloted Planned Experiences with several kindergarten classes this year. I am still waiting on scoring, but would really like to use these in the future.


00:36:12 Leigh Castellanos: For those complete or near complete did you do remote testing? We are at only 30% of total students doing face to face instruction, but wondering how you did it if you are majority remote learning


00:37:07 Jennine Zeleznik - Comal ISD: Here in Comal ISD, we have the majority of our students in-person. Those choosing to learn remotely scheduled appointments for on-campus testing, either individually or in a small group, depending on the parent's comfort level.


00:37:40 Brigette Cardenas: And do we follow minimum of 4 or minimum of 33%


00:38:27 Brigette Cardenas: I am just looking for where this is written by TEA so I can refer to it directly for my principals

00:38:40 Amber Reinecke: It is on the Guidance document online:  
<https://tea.texas.gov/academics/special-student-populations/gifted-and-talented-education/guidance-for-interpreting-the-expectations-of-the-texas-state-plan-for-the-education-of-gifted/talented-students>

00:38:42 Monica Brewer:  The Cluster Grouping Handbook: A Schoolwide Model: How to Challenge Gifted Students and Improve Achievement for All by Susan Winebrenner and Dina Brulles

 Improving Performance for Gifted Students in a Cluster Grouping Model by Dina Brulles, Rachel Saunders, and Sanford Cohn

 What do gifted students need? by Susan Winebrenner

 Cluster Grouping Of Gifted Students: How To Provide Full-time Services On A Part-time Budget by Susan Winebrenner and Barbara Devlin

00:38:54 Amber Reinecke: The links don't work :(

00:39:03 Monica Simonds: Also....Total School Cluster Grouping by Marcia Gentry

00:39:23 Brigette Cardenas: Monica Brewer: great thank you

00:39:44 Kelsey Lorenz: What if there are less than 4 students identified for services on that campus?

00:40:05 Nancy Franklin: Darla and Mel, would you share more about the Planned Experiences?

00:40:39 Monica Parkhill:I have some concerns regarding grouping in a small district, especially when there is only one student in a grade. If we use a pull-out once a week and put all grade level identified students together, is that ok?

00:41:39 Samantha Fritz: We had a network taken ransom and therefore I cannot teach the coordinators how to do the testing. We are having to push everything back.

00:45:02 Monica Brewer:  
<https://books.google.com/books?hl=en&lr=&id=V8Rj7F3wKzEC&oi=fnd&pg=PR5&dq=cluster+grouping+gifted+students&ots=ctXv0qHWeO&sig=49s-7YBW-3Gmy90xiL32FU9KBjk>

00:45:09 Jerri LaMirand: We do planned experiences as well and our teachers grade these together. Every experience is graded by two teachers. If they do not agree on the scoring, then a third GT grades them.

00:45:09 Monica Brewer:<https://files.eric.ed.gov/fulltext/EJ910197.pdf>

00:45:20 Monica Brewer:<http://www.mainegateways.org/wp-content/uploads/2013/11/%E2%80%9CSusan-Winebrenner-What-d...fted-students-need-.pdf%E2%80%9D.pdf>

00:45:30 Monica Brewer:<https://journals.sagepub.com/doi/pdf/10.1177/004005999803000312>

00:46:03 Monica Simonds: We used PEs for years....also Kingore-esque.

00:46:03 Nancy Franklin: Thank you!

00:46:20 Monica Simonds: Very qualitative and so having trained evaluators is crucial.

00:46:24 Amanda Khan: Pasadena has used planned experiences for at least 10 years but we did not use them this year due to virtual students.

00:47:03 Monica Simonds: Somehow deleted the first half of my comment...we've used Kingore-esque PEs for years...

00:47:22 Cheryl Harris: Monica, did I hear you say 2021 GT guidance is coming out today?

00:47:28 Jennine Zeleznik - Comal ISD: Comal has also used planned experiences for kindergartners for years - this year, we packaged it as a SeeSaw lesson for our remote learners. We know we are taking the virtual responses with a grain of salt, but figure it's one piece of a whole when evaluating a student for services.

00:47:58 Monica Simonds: We have bilingual GT teachers and we translate/adjust materials for them.

00:48:47 Donna Hodge: Same as Monica here in Keller. Working on improving push in support for them tis year.

00:49:57 Monica Simonds: Exactly....using Tiered Services helps as pulling them out is sometimes not appropriate for where they are which is high in potential but not realized in performance YET. :)

00:50:10 Brigette Cardenas: Does everyone here require their AP teachers to be GT trained?

00:50:29 Monica Simonds: Yes, Brigette. And OnRamps and Dual Credit.

00:50:45 Brigette Cardenas: @Monica S thank you

00:50:47 Michelle Swain: @Brigette - same as Monica

00:50:57 Brigette Cardenas: thank you

00:50:58 Darla Leach: Yes, that is our goal to have AP teachers trained.

00:50:59 Michelle Swain: But not dual credit if they aren't our teachers

00:50:59 Mel Harlan: @Bridgette We don't require it yet, but I'm working on it

00:51:25 Michelle Swain: We also require our "advanced" teachers to have it (formerly Pre-AP)

00:51:31 Brigette Cardenas: yes

00:51:38 Darla Leach: Do you count APSI as yearly update 6 hours?

00:51:57 Monica Simonds: @Darla, no. We require it to be actual GT training.

00:52:09 Michelle Swain: @Darla - we do, but they don't go every year. Still have to have the 30 hours

00:52:09 Cindy Bills: Yes, we count APSI as an update

00:52:11 Donna Hodge: Yes for AP and PreAP and will be adding district teachers who teach extremely advanced CTE courses.

00:52:53 Darla Leach: I haven't been, but wanted to make sure I wasn't the only one.

00:53:09 Amy Harp: Denton counts any APSI and other AP opportunities-TCU is offering online professional learning in the fall and spring this year

00:53:13 Brigette Cardenas: How do you all handle the independent study requirement for secondary students?

00:53:16 Devin Holmes: I am sorry. I missed what Monica said about APSI. Can someone fill me in?

00:53:40 Darla Leach: That's awesome, Monica.

00:53:50 Candy Tijerina: Awesome!

00:53:52 Amy Harp: <https://ap.tcu.edu/professional-development-programs/spring-seminar/>

00:54:36 Devin Holmes: Thanks

00:57:29 Brigette Cardenas: Thank you Monica!

00:57:39 Celeste Sodergren: Thank you!

00:57:47 gretchen.nabi: Thank you Monica! Have a great day everyone!

00:57:57 Amber Reinecke: Thank you!

00:58:00 Darla Leach: Thank you, Monica.

00:58:00 Zoey Rogers: Thank you!

00:58:01 Nancy Franklin: Thanks, Monica. Be well!  
00:58:01 Stacy Mueller: Thank you Monica!  
00:58:02 Trey Wright: Thanks Monica!  
00:58:05 Donna Hodge: Thank you!  
00:58:06 K. Hope Angell: Thank you  
00:58:13 Angela Neal: Thank you, Monica!