



STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA
DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

MEMORANDUM

TO: Regional Gifted and Talented Coordinators
Fiscal Agent
Finance Officers

FROM: Llewellyn Shealy
Interim Director, Office of Assessment and Standards

DATE: May 16, 2023

RE: Professional Learning Allocations for Gifted and Talented and International
Baccalaureate Programs

Each Regional Fiscal Agent will receive a Professional Learning allocation of \$10,000 to be paid through District Revenue Code: **3597A**. The funding is provided through the 2022–23 Annual Appropriations Act Professional Development line item and Proviso 1A.25. Payments will arrive within 30 days of processing.

Gifted and Talented (GT) Professional Learning funding provides academic support for GT teachers and GT coordinators, as well as other educators in every region of South Carolina. The purpose of the funding is to provide GT educators with annual professional learning opportunities based on regional needs. These opportunities will better equip GT teachers and ultimately support all high-achieving students in maximizing their potential.

For accountability purposes, District Coordinators should present local needs and decide collectively on how to maximize this funding for professional learning during Regional GT Coordinator meetings and affiliate board meetings. Regional GT Coordinators and affiliate group leaders are also required to submit to the South Carolina Department of Education (SCDE) the following: an agenda of each meeting, a roster of attendees, and a report that includes the professional development activity description, the costs of the activity, and the number of educators impacted. The information should be emailed to Josie Stratton at jstratton@ed.sc.gov by July 14, 2023.

Each region and affiliate group will receive the same amount as outlined in the tables shown.

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Region	Fiscal Agent	GT Regional Leader/District GT Coordinator	Districts to be Served	Allocation	Program
1	Pickens	Amy Turner	Anderson 1 Anderson 2 Anderson 3 Anderson 4 Anderson 5 Oconee Pickens	\$10,000	Gifted and Talented
2	Newberry	Beth Brooks	Abbeville Edgefield Greenwood 50 Greenwood 51 Greenwood 52 Laurens 55 Laurens 56 McCormick Newberry Saluda	\$10,000	Gifted and Talented
3	Lexington 1	Erin Fitzgerald	Aiken Calhoun Erskine Charter Institute Kershaw Lexington 1 Lexington 2 Lexington 3 Lexington 4 Limestone Charter Association Richland 1 Richland 2 Sumter SC Charter District Lexington/Richland 5	\$10,000	Gifted and Talented

Region	Fiscal Agent	GT Regional Leader/District GT Coordinator	Districts to be Served	Allocation	Program
4	Barnwell Consolidated School District	Betsy Portune	Allendale Bamberg 3 Barnwell Consolidated Beaufort Colleton Hampton Jasper	\$10,000	Gifted and Talented
5	Barnwell Consolidated School District	Betsy Portune	Berkeley Charleston Dorchester 2 Dorchester 4 Georgetown Horry Orangeburg	\$10,000	Gifted and Talented
6	Williamsburg	Jennifer Holliday	Clarendon 6 Darlington Dillon 3 Dillon 4 Florence 1 Florence 2 Florence 3 Florence 5 Lee Marion Marlboro Williamsburg	\$10,000	Gifted and Talented
7	Fairfield	Amy Cocker	Cherokee Chester Fairfield Lancaster Chesterfield Union York 1 York 2 York 3 York 4	\$10,000	Gifted and Talented

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8	Spartanburg 6	Jill Morris	Greenville Spartanburg 1 Spartanburg 2 Spartanburg 3 Spartanburg 4 Spartanburg 5 Spartanburg 6 Spartanburg 7	\$10,000	Gifted and Talented

In addition to regional allocations, the SCDE will also allocate funds to Greenville School District for the South Carolina International Baccalaureate Schools (SCIBS) organization. This affiliate organization is instrumental in hosting statewide conferences for South Carolina teachers related to International Baccalaureate programs. Greenville School District will function as the fiscal agent for the SCIBS organization. Professional Learning funds will be allocated as outlined in the table shown. The SCIBS organization will also be required to submit the reporting requirements listed in this memo.

Region	Fiscal Agent	Organization Contact(s)	Districts to be Served	Allocation	Program
Statewide	Greenville	Mary Smith	Statewide	\$10,000	International Baccalaureate

The SCDE will also allocate funds to Richland 2 for the South Carolina Consortium for Gifted Education (SCGGE) organization. This affiliate organization is instrumental in hosting statewide conferences for South Carolina teachers related to GT programs. Richland 2 will function as the fiscal agent for the SCGGE organization. Professional Learning funds will be allocated as outlined in the table shown. The SCCGE organization will also be required to submit the reporting requirements listed in this memo.

Region	Fiscal Agent	Organization Contact	Districts to be Served	Allocation	Program
Statewide	Richland 2	Maria Kratsios and Joy Gray (South Carolina Consortium for Gifted Education)	Statewide	\$10,000.00	Gifted and Talented

If you have questions concerning your allocation, please contact Melanie Cooper in the Office of Finance at mcooper@ed.sc.gov, or 803-734-8145. If you have programmatic questions, please contact Josie Stratton in the Office of Standards and Learning at jstratton@ed.sc.gov, or 803-734-2782.