

Rains ISD Staff Development 2018-19
Frequently Asked Questions

1. How many days do I need in order to earn my district compensatory days?

In the 2018- 2019 school year, all employees on contract less than 200 days must complete 18 hours (3 days) of staff development in order to have 3 compensatory days. Those not completing 18 hours will need to take personal days to cover the time or be docked on the October and November paychecks. All 18 hours must be completed by August 10, 2018. If hired after August 10, please contact the curriculum office.

2. What is NOT acceptable for the purpose of earning credit for RISD distinguished PD days?

- Teaching summer school
- Attending college course (unless approved by Jennifer Johnson)
- Vacation travel or trips during the summer

3. How do I register for the courses listed in the staff development catalog?

If the staff development is locally offered (i.e. only for Rains ISD personnel), please register through the link provided in the information section of the workshop located in the staff development catalog. (Example: Register▶) If the staff development is through Region 7 or Region 10, please register through Region 7 at <https://misweb.esc7.net> or Region 10 at <https://www.region10.org>. Click on Register▶ and it will direct to you the correct location for registering.

4. How do I create a login for Region 7?

Go to <https://misweb.esc7.net> Select "Create Account". Complete the required information and continue following the steps until account is created.

5. What if I have forgotten my Username or Password for Region 7?

Go to <https://misweb.esc7.net> and click on LOG IN/MY DASHBOARD. Follow the steps to retrieve the information needed for sign in.

6. How do I create a login for Region 10?

Go to www.region10.org Select the "Login" link. On the login page, select "Create an account here." Complete the required information for step 1 and step 2. Your account will be created immediately.

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7. What if I have forgotten my password for Region 10?

Go to www.region10.org Select the “Login” link. On the login page, enter your email address in the box provided under “Forgotten Password.” Click on “Get Password”.

8. If a course through Region 10 is wait-listed, what do I need to do?

If a course is wait-listed, you may still register for it and wait to see if another person cancels so that you can attend in their place. However, there is no guarantee that you will be able to attend that particular staff development. As a result, it is recommended you register for another staff development in the event that you cannot attend your first choice. If you will not be attending a session you signed up for, please make sure you un-enroll as a courtesy.

9. What if I am having trouble registering for Region 10 GT workshops and we are a host district?

If you are having trouble registering, Reg. 10 asks that you get on the waitlist and contact janet.hathcock@region10.org. She will move any host district teachers from the waitlist (unless all the seats are taken). Host districts will always have the number of reserved asked for.

10. I am trying to register for a Region 10 GT workshop and it is asking for payment, what do I need to do?

The \$125 price tag displays by default, so every session shows this. However, at checkout, the price is reduced to zero for cooperative members. The system identifies cooperative membership by district and campus. If you’re being asked to pay \$125 (via a PO or credit card), then you may not have your account updated. Please sign in to the Region 10 calendar system, update your account with a district email, logout, and try again. If the system is STILL asking you for \$125, then email janet.hathcock@region10.org. It is possible that in the transition to the new system, that some districts were not included on the coop list.

11. What does it mean when the staff development is held at a “cluster location”?

Region 10 is offering professional development sessions this summer at various locations around the region. These are called “cluster locations” and they are open to educators in Region 10, not just the host district’s teachers. The purpose is to try to host Region 10 workshops at locations that are more convenient for Region 10 educators.

12. If I am earning my GT and/ or ESL certification this year, can I count those days toward my distinguished professional development hours?

Yes, any staff development hours earned will count toward distinguished professional development. In order to meet the needs of all students, staff members need to be trained and/or certified in gifted education, ESL and ELPS.

13. How do I get my 6-hour gifted education (GT) update?

GT update sessions and gifted training sessions for those seeking gifted certification are listed in the Region 10 staff development offerings. [Region 10 GT/Advanced Academic Offerings](#)

14. What if I want to register for a course that is not listed in the district staff development catalog?

If you would like to attend a staff development that is not listed on the district approved staff development catalog, you must get prior approval from your principal if it is to be counted as a Distinguished Professional Development credit. Additional hours do not require principal approval but should relate to your teaching assignment and/or be focused on technology.

15. What documentation do I need to have for professional development?

Once training has been completed, teachers/employees are responsible for updating their Region 7 portfolio. If the teacher/employee registered for the training through Region 7, credit is automatically granted based on sign-in sheet records. For trainings that require registration through Region 10 or any other outside source, a certificate of completion for the training must be uploaded by the teacher/employee to his or her portfolio before credit will be granted.

16. What happens if I do not complete my annual compliance trainings?

Failure to complete annual compliance training may result in disciplinary action. This training requirement is needed for consideration of a “developing” or higher rating on Dimension 4.3 on the Texas Teacher Evaluation and Support System.

17. What happens if I do not complete the 18 hours of comp time?

Those not completing 18 hours will need to take personal days to cover the time or be docked pay on the October and November paychecks. All 18 hours must be completed before August 10, 2018. If hired after August 10, please contact the Curriculum Office.

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