

Educators providing services to students identified as Academically/Intellectually Gifted (AIG) must meet rigorous certification requirements. Teachers providing services in grades K-8 to students identified as AIG in the area(s) of reading and/or math must have or be in pursuit of either state licensure in Gifted Education or the Professional Achievement Certification (PAC) obtained through Catawba County Schools.

PAC is attained through completion of three 30-hour courses taught by recognized experts in the field of Gifted Education:

- [Introduction to Gifted Education](#)
- [Differentiation for the Gifted Learner](#)
- [Teaching/Learning Strategies in Gifted Education](#)

Teachers in grades 9-12 instructing courses designated as honors or Advanced Placement must obtain CCS PAC. Individuals teaching an Advanced Placement course must attend a week-long summer institute focused on the course they are teaching. AP Summer Institutes are sponsored by the Educational Testing Service (the creators of the SAT, PSAT, Advanced Placement, etc.) The week-long summer institute may take the place of the PAC course *Teaching/Learning Strategies in Gifted Education*.