

Plano ISD Council of PTAs
Special And Gifted Education Committee



What does Special Education and Gifted & Talented have in common?

Children in both areas learn differently and share a common need for a special focus in their education. These students make up approximately 25% of the student population in the Plano ISD.

The Plano ISD Council of PTAs established the SAGE committee to provide an opportunity for families and educators of students who learn differently to share resources and friendship. We do this in three vital areas:

Education: SAGE sponsors various classes and seminars throughout the year to provide families and educators the latest information. These classes are typically free of charge. These seminars are offered in the day as part of the **SAGE Brown Bag series** as well as during the evenings for those who can't get away during the day.

Communication: The objective of SAGE is to promote dynamic communication between educators, families and the community. The SAGE website at www.planopta.org/sage.htm is communication central for event calendars, updates, resource links and contact information for the local school SAGE chairs. The SAGE database registry sends out email announcements regarding events in the community as well as in PISD.

If you are not registered in the **SAGE database** to receive notices for upcoming speakers or events, please notify your local SAGE chair on your campus or register online at www.planopta.org/sage.htm.

Support: In the past, SAGE has facilitated the formation of special interest groups so that others can share the information that is most relevant to their need. SAGE interest groups have included, but are not limited to: ADHD, Dyslexia, Gifted and Talented, Tourettes and so on. These support group listings and more can be found on the SAGE website link.

If you are interested in a parent/teacher support group for a specific learning need, contact your local SAGE chair or contact us at www.planopta.org/sage.htm.

For 2009-2010, the SAGE committee is working on several **Special Education** topics – including the creation of social events and networks to help facilitate friendships for our kids. For the **Gifted & Talented**, we will be presenting an ongoing program modeled after SENG (Supporting Emotional Needs of the Gifted) as well as other special topics for parents. In the spring, we will host a summer camp vendor fair for kids special needs and the gifted as well as for their typical peers!

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