

D. 202 teachers to help lead Gifted Education training seminar

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Two District 202 teachers are among 40 educators who have been named Regional Trainers for the newly designed Illinois Gifted Education Seminar, being offered this summer through the Illinois State Board of Education.

Timber Ridge Middle School Differentiation Specialist Carrie Daca, and Ridge Elementary School Differentiation Specialist Sandi Reader, will help present the new 45-hour course which replaces the former Gifted Education Institute.

The new program will be available to classroom teachers interested in learning how to better teach and work with gifted and talented students. The seminar will be taught around the state in June, July and August.

Specifically, teachers will learn how to create an environment to support gifted learners; identify gifted students; address gifted students' special learning needs, and measure their academic growth.

Daca and Reader must complete a three-day training program and facilitate at least one of the 45-hour seminars this summer.

"We are very proud of Carrie and Sandi for being chosen to help lead this new seminar," said Dr. Nancy Hayhurst, District 202 director of middle school curriculum and instruction.

"Teachers will appreciate the support they will receive in learning how best to work with gifted students in their classrooms, so this seminar should be a great tool to helping educators challenge and encourage not only all of their students but their colleagues as well," Hayhurst said.