

Thematic seminar (AE) information

“GIFTED UNDERACHIEVERS AND STRATEGIES TO HELP THEM”

Course Code	Date and Time	Target Group
SR/AE/010809S1	15 December 2008 (Monday) 2:00 – 5:00 p.m.	Teachers, School Guidance Teachers in Primary Schools
SR/AE/010809S2	17 December 2008 (Wednesday) 2:00 – 5:00 p.m.	Teachers, School Social Workers in Secondary Schools

Venue : Room E306, 3/F, East Block, Education Bureau,
Kowloon Tong Education Services Centre, 19 Suffolk Road, Kowloon Tong

Speaker and Facilitator : Mrs Eva Sum, Teaching Consultant,
Department of Psychology of The University of Hong Kong

Course Description : This seminar focuses on how to identify gifted underachievers and the strategies that a school could adopt to help this group of learners. Cases will be presented and intervention strategies used will be discussed. Participants have the opportunity to interact with speaker(s) to discuss some strategies in managing cases in schools.

Course Objectives : Upon completion of this seminar, participants should be able to:

- know the characteristics of gifted underachievers and how to identify them
- know various reasons and causes for their underachievement
- be aware of the various strategies that the school and teachers in the classroom could adopt to revert student underachievement
- learn from examples of strategies and the implementation outcomes from practitioners

Course Outline :

1. Seminar contents
 - Who are the gifted underachievers?
 - How to identify them? Use of an observation checklist
 - Why do they underachieve? Various reasons from academic to motivational, social emotional, psychological, etc.
 - How to help them? As a teacher, what can I do? What other resources in the community I can turn to obtain help?
 - How do I work with the parents? Useful collaboration techniques
2. Case sharing
3. Intervention techniques
4. Group Discussion: Participants to present their own cases. Feedback from speakers will be given.
5. Concluding remarks

- Certificate/
CPD Hours** : Certificate of participation and 3 CPD hours will be awarded to all participants
- Medium of
Instruction** : Cantonese
- Course Fee** : Free of charge (Funded by The Hong Kong Academy for Gifted Education)
- Registration
Information** : Please use the registration form attached. Kindly fax the completed registration form to **3586 3429**.
- Deadline for
Registration** : **5 December 2008 (Fri) 5:00p.m.**
Note: Acceptance is on first come first served basis, one staff per school. If over subscribed, preference will be given to those who are involved in the implementation of school-based gifted development programmes.
Registrants will be notified of the outcome through email.
- Contact
Person** : Miss Jady Au Tel.:36983578 kcau@hkage.org.hk
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**Brief introduction to Speaker:**

Mrs. Eva Sum is an experienced Educational Psychologist with extensive experience working with schools, especially on helping teachers and parents understand the characteristics and needs of gifted underachievers. She is now a trainer of the Master of Educational Psychology program at the University of Hong Kong.

Before joining the HKU, Eva had been working as an Educational Psychologist at the Education Bureau for 15 years. She headed the working team at the Education Psychology Service Section in helping underachieving gifted as well as dual exceptional students. Besides giving consultation services to teachers and parents of these students, Eva was also in charge of designing resource packages for reversing gifted underachievement. She has delivered talks and conducted workshops for teachers and parents to help them understand the social and emotional needs of gifted students and how teachers can employ effective strategies in the classroom to enhance students' motivation and stretch their innate potentials.