

Cost and Benefits

The cost for this one-year program is \$1,000, which includes all tuition and instructor fees, books, materials, and supplies; all meals/snacks while attending onsite instruction (12 meals); membership into the National and the Georgia Council of Administrators of Special Education and the national Council of Exceptional Children; registration fees for the Fall G-CASE Conference and the Spring G-CASE Legal Forum; and administrative expenses. The school system will also agree to pay a per diem to the attending teacher, as well as the cost of a substitute teacher for eight (8) school days spread out over the year, ending before statewide testing begins.

Curriculum

The curriculum will be based upon the *Administrator of Special Education Advanced Leadership Standards* set forth by the national Council of Administrators of Special Education (CASE):

- Vision, Mission, & Direction Setting
- Policy Implementation, Legal & Ethical Practice of Special Education Programs and Services
- Organizational Leadership & Management for Special Education
- Program Oversight, Improvement, & Instructional Leadership for Special Education
- Human and Fiscal Resource Management for Special Education Programs & Services
- Collaboration & Communication with Special Education Stakeholders
- Equity & Cultural Responsiveness

Instructors will be state and nationally-known professionals **in the field of special education.**

Request an Application:

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Special Education Administrator Development Academy



To ensure Georgia school districts are equipped with highly trained teachers prepared to assume leadership roles in special education administration.

First Cohort: June 2021
Application Packet due April 15, 2021



As an affiliate of the Georgia Association of Educational Leaders (GAEL), the Georgia Council of Administrators of Special Education (G-CASE), recognizes the statewide concern that there is a shortage of educators specifically trained to administer/direct special education programs in school districts across Georgia. Based on the belief that the [special education teachers of today are the special education leaders of tomorrow](#), the G-CASE-sponsored Special Education Administrator Development Academy (Special Education ADA) prepares the leaders of tomorrow to step into administrative positions with a strong foundation in the components related to leadership and administration for special education programs.

The Ideal Candidate

The ideal candidate for the Special Education Administrator Development Academy is a proven teacher leader with five or more years of experience as a special education teacher who is identified by his/her principal, special education director, and/or superintendent and aspires to move into an administrative position within the field of special education. The first cohort for the Special Education Administrator Development Academy will consist of twenty-five (25) special education teachers who are proven teacher leaders, are endorsed by their principal, special education director, and/or superintendent,; and who aspire to move into an administrative position within the field of special education. Members of Cohort 1 will be selected through a rigorous application process. Interested parties may self-nominate or be nominated by a school or district administrator. Each applicant will complete an application packet to be submitted along with a personal narrative and letters of support from their Special Education Director, Principal, and Superintendent/Designee.

Onsite (or Virtual) Professional Learning Schedule for Cohort 1

The Professional Learning schedule for Cohort 1 will take place from **June 2021 to March 2022** and will involve 55 clock hours of onsite training over ten days (with two of the ten days in the summer) spread out over the school year:

June 2021: Kick-off in centrally-located Houston County with two days of Professional Learning

September 2021: 1 day of Professional Learning in Houston County

November 2021: Attendance at G-CASE Fall Conference with additional Professional Learning taking place during concurrent sessions.

January 2022: 1 day of Professional Learning in Houston County

March 2022: Attendance at G-CASE Special Education Legal Forum with additional Professional Learning taking place during concurrent sessions.



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