

## Cost and Benefits

The cost for this one-year program is **\$1,500**, which includes all tuition and instructor fees, books, materials, and supplies; all meals/snacks while attending onsite instruction (ten meals); membership into both 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 mileage, hotel, and food costs not covered by the Academy 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 is 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.

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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.

**Cohort 2: June 2022**  
*Application Packet due April 1, 2022*



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 second cohort for the Special Education Administrator Development Academy will consist of thirty (30) 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 2 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 and Principal.

## Professional Learning Schedule for Cohort 2

The Professional Learning schedule for Cohort 2 will take place from **June 2022 to March 2023** and will involve over 45 clock hours of onsite training over ten days (with two of the ten days in the summer) spread out over the school year:

**June 2022:** Kick-off in centrally-located Houston County with two days of Professional Learning

**September 2022:** 1 day of Professional Learning in Houston County

**November 2022:** Attendance at G-CASE Fall Conference with additional, specialized Professional Learning taking place during concurrent sessions.

**January 2023:** 1 day of Professional Learning in Houston County

**March 2023:** Attendance at G-CASE Special Education Legal Forum with additional, specialized Professional Learning taking place during concurrent sessions.



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