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GATE/EXCEL Certification Portfolio

The GATE/EXCEL Portfolio is a compilation of original lessons, student work samples and reflection that represent a teacher's completion of the GATE Certificate in differentiated instruction. Each teacher's portfolio will be unique, determined by the grade level and subject taught. All portfolios will represent a teacher's understanding and implementation of strategies in differentiated instruction.

What to include in the portfolio?

1. A **Table of Contents** and dividers that organize your portfolio into sections, determined by your own personal focus for differentiation in your classroom.
2. **Samples of lessons** you have created, indicating how you have used strategies for differentiation. (ie: tiered assignments, extension menus, writing prompts incorporating depth and complexity)
3. **Samples of student work** that illustrate differentiated instruction.
4. Your **brief reflection** commenting upon each of the strategies you learned.
5. Your school site plan, created by your GATE/EXCEL team. (Optional)
6. Your **curriculum map** that indicates how/where you have implemented differentiated lessons.
7. Anything else you feel illustrates your differentiated classroom.

The first "GATE/EXCEL Portfolio Day" will be January 20th, 2004. At this time, a teacher who has completed certification hours will have an opportunity to showcase his/her portfolio with other teachers. Presenting a complete portfolio is a required culmination for the certificate.