

PAGE Chapter Standards

Standards for the Establishment, Affiliation, Operation and Dissolution of Partners for the Advancement of Gifted Education, PAGE, Affiliates of the North Carolina Association for the Gifted and Talented, NCAGT

I. Purpose

- A. The general purpose of a Partners for the Advancement of Gifted Education, PAGE, affiliate of the North Carolina Association for the Gifted and Talented, Inc., NCAGT, shall be to support and encourage the development of gifted students through an understanding of their characteristics and needs, by fostering appropriate educational opportunities for them at home, in school and in the larger community, and through support for other PAGE chapters and for the NCAGT.
- B. As an affiliate of NCAGT, PAGE chapters shall act ethically and responsibly to:
 - 1. Keep informed regarding issues affecting gifted persons on the local, state and national levels.
 - 2. Inform its members and others about the characteristics and needs of gifted students, their education and other issues that may affect their well-being.
 - 3. Support a strong gifted education program, understanding that such a program supports a strong education for all children.
 - 4. Promote advocacy.

II. Establishment and Affiliation

- A. Benefits of Affiliation
 - 1. Through affiliation with the NCAGT a PAGE chapter has the right to use the name "Partners for the Advancement of Gifted Education" and "PAGE" in association with the existence and the activities of that chapter and its corporate name. The terms "PAGE affiliate," "PAGE chapter," and "NCAGT affiliate" are interchangeable.
 - 2. The chapter shall have one vote in the business affairs of the NCAGT.
 - 3. The chapter President, or a designee, shall have the "Total Conference Package" registration fee waived for the annual NCAGT/PAGE Conference and is expected to attend the conference and any meeting of PAGE chapters held during the conference. The Total Conference Package covers the two-day conference including selected meals such as the Awards Banquet. Hotel accommodations and meals not included in the Total Conference Package are the responsibility of the person attending the conference.
 - 4. The chapter shall receive one copy of each issue of the NCAGT newsletter, and other materials or correspondence sent to NCAGT members.

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5. Through affiliation with the NCAGT, a PAGE chapter becomes part of a larger advocacy base and has more input on policy concerning gifted education in North Carolina.
- B. A group interested in establishing a PAGE chapter must contact the State PAGE Coordinator for information about forming an affiliate of NCAGT. The coordinator will provide a copy of the PAGE Standards, sample charter and sample by-laws. Contact the coordinator at State PAGE Coordinator, c/o The North Carolina Association for the Gifted and Talented, Incorporated, P.O. Box 899, Swansboro, NC 28584-0899. Telephone: 910-326-8483. Fax: 910-326-8465; or email to <page@ncagt.org>.
- C. The group shall form a steering committee that meets the following criteria, with a contact person designated to correspond with the PAGE coordinator:
1. Four or more in number.
 2. Interested in the well being of gifted students.
 3. Sufficiently motivated to initiate and sustain the organization.
 4. Willing to abide by PAGE Standards and by corresponding provisions of future Standards.
 5. In an LEA that is not currently served by an active PAGE chapter.
 6. Establish open communications with the LEA AIG Program Director.
- D. The steering committee shall publicize and hold one or more general meetings open to the public to discuss and vote to form a PAGE affiliate.
- E. The steering committee shall apply to NCAGT to form an affiliate.
- F. The affiliate shall organize by the following actions:
1. Determine if a membership fee will be assessed.
 2. Accept members.
 3. Electing a Board of Directors that includes a president, vice-president, secretary, and if fees are collected/dispensed, a Treasurer. Other PAGE board positions could include President Elect, Advocacy Chair, AIG Department Liaison, Communications, Events Coordinator, Adult Coordinator, Adult Programming, Student Programming, etc.
 4. Adopting by-laws that adequately reflect the philosophies, characteristics and processes of PAGE affiliates including the acceptance of these and future Standards, affiliation with the NCAGT, and provisions for the dissolution of the chapter should that become necessary.
- G. The affiliate shall submit the list of officers, charter, and by-laws to the PAGE Coordinator. Two local PAGE chapter members, the President and one other

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member, must be paid NCAGT members to establish the chapter in good standing with the NCAGT.

- H. The NCAGT President or the PAGE coordinator shall confirm in writing that the charter and by-laws meet the criteria in these Standards.
- I. The chapter may apply to the Internal Revenue Service for a Tax identification number in order to open a checking account. If no monies are collected or disbursed by the chapter, this step is unnecessary. The chapter may choose to incorporate as a 501c3 if they intend to seek grant funding or solicit donations large enough for tax considerations. If a charter is issued by the Secretary of State, then a copy must be sent to the PAGE Coordinator.
- J. The affiliate shall complete the process of organizing as listed above and becoming a nonprofit corporation within twelve months after applying to become an NCAGT affiliate.

III. Maintaining a PAGE Chapter in Good Standing

A. Each PAGE chapter shall:

- 1. Maintain two paid NCAGT memberships from among local PAGE chapter members.
- 2. Encourage as many of its members as possible to also be members of the NCAGT.
- 3. Maintain current contact information for the PAGE chapter President and the number of the members of the chapter.
- 4. Provide the names, addresses and phone numbers of all members, when requested, to the NCAGT for organizational purposes.
- 5. Include on all official communication a reference to the chapter's affiliation status, e.g., "Affiliated with the North Carolina Association for the Gifted and Talented, Incorporated, NCAGT."

B. NCAGT agrees to:

- 1. Include representatives of PAGE, elected by PAGE chapters, when a proposal to amend the NCAGT Bylaws that will directly affect PAGE is written.
- 2. Continue the representation of PAGE members on the NCAGT Board of Directors by maintaining the categories of election for the NCAGT Board to one whereby, in each election cycle, the "teacher," "other educator," "parent," with the highest number of votes per category, plus two other nominees with the highest number of votes regardless of category, are elected.
- 3. Maintain a PAGE Board Committee chaired by the State PAGE Coordinator with at least two additional members of the NCAGT Board of Directors, at

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least one of whom shall be a member of a PAGE chapter. This committee shall be responsible for handling PAGE chapter grievances.

4. Solicit candidates for the position of State PAGE Coordinator by a notice to all PAGE chapters and NCAGT members, through the NCAGT newsletter, website, or letter. An election shall be held at the annual NCAGT conference. Online or proxy voting is allowed. The candidate with the most PAGE member votes will be appointed to the position.
5. The State PAGE Coordinator shall serve as an Ex Officio member of the NCAGT Board of Directors, with annual review by the Board. The review shall include comments from the PAGE chapters. Term begins at the NCAGT Annual Meeting and ends at the following year's Annual Meeting.

C. Personal information about PAGE and NCAGT members (names, mailing addresses, email addresses, phone numbers, etc.) shall be safeguarded and regarded as confidential. This information shall only be used by officers and designated other individuals as necessary to further the purposes of PAGE and the NCAGT. Under no circumstances shall this information be made available to an organization, group or individual outside of the NCAGT, PAGE or the National Association for Gifted Children, NAGC, of which NCAGT is an affiliate, for any purpose.

D. Inactive status of a PAGE chapter affiliated with the NCAGT shall be assigned by the State PAGE Coordinator to a PAGE chapter if:

1. The PAGE chapter provides written notification that it is no longer active to the State PAGE Coordinator; or if
2. The PAGE chapter does not meet the general requirements of an active PAGE chapter; or if
3. The PAGE chapter has not held at least one general meeting during the last school year.

E. Immediately upon ceasing to exist, a PAGE chapter affiliated with the NCAGT shall lose its right to use, and shall no longer use, the name "PAGE."

V. Dissolution

Dissolution of a PAGE chapter affiliated with the NCAGT shall take place at or before the time that the PAGE chapter ceases to exist. Upon dissolution, after fulfilling applicable legal requirements, a PAGE chapter shall distribute its remaining assets to the NCAGT. The NCAGT shall hold these assets for a period of five years, transferring these assets to a new PAGE chapter affiliated with the NCAGT in the local educational agency of the original PAGE chapter if one should be established within that five-year period. All of these assets, principal plus interest, minus an amount equal to the cost of maintaining and accounting for these assets, will be transferred. If no new PAGE chapter

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affiliated with the NCAGT is formed within that five-year period, then these funds shall be used in a manner deemed appropriate by the Board of Directors of the NCAGT.

VI. Reviving a PAGE Chapter

- A. A group that wants to start a PAGE chapter in a local educational agency that no longer has an active chapter should follow the procedures in Section II, Establishment and Affiliation, and meet all requirements for affiliation, including using the name "Partners for the Advancement of Gifted Education."
- B. If the previous chapter operated under the laws of North Carolina, but not suspended with the Secretary of State, the new group may resume activity under that same organization.
- C. The group must file a new registered agent and address with the Secretary of State and any other amendments necessary to meet requirements for affiliation with NCAGT and the laws of North Carolina.
- D. If the previous chapter was incorporated but is suspended with the Secretary of State, the new group shall form a new corporation.

VII. Amendments to These Standards

Proposals to amend these Standards shall be made in writing to the State PAGE Coordinator by any active PAGE affiliate, or by the State PAGE Coordinator with the approval of the Committee on PAGE Affiliates of the NCAGT. Following the initiation of a proposal, the State PAGE Coordinator shall communicate the proposal in writing to all active PAGE chapters and to the Board of Directors of the NCAGT. Whenever possible a proposal shall be considered at a meeting or meetings that individual members and/or representatives of all PAGE affiliates can attend, e.g. at a meeting held at the Annual State Conference, at regional meetings of PAGE affiliates, etc. Ballots on the proposal shall be due no earlier than 45 days following the date of the written notice of the proposal. The proposal shall be adopted after receiving a two-thirds vote of all active PAGE affiliates (with each affiliate having one vote), and after acceptance by the Board of Directors of the NCAGT.