

**THE HORMEL FOUNDATION
GIFTED AND TALENTED EDUCATION SYMPOSIUM**

2017 GENERAL INFORMATION

LOCATION

All symposium activities, with the exception of Sunday's pre-conference session and the evening dinners, will be held on the campus of Austin High School, 301 Third Street NW, Austin, MN 55912.

Pre-conference sessions, June 11: [Austin Holiday Inn and Conference Center](#).

Dinner, Monday, June 12: TBA

Dinner and Program, Wednesday, June 14: [Hormel Historic Home](#), 208 4th Ave. NW

Austin, Minnesota, has a population of 24,000 and is located in southeastern Minnesota approximately 12 miles north of the Iowa border and 90 miles south of the Twin Cities metro area. Austin is also 35 miles southwest of Rochester, Minnesota. For more information about Austin and area sites of interest, visit the [Austin Convention and Visitor Bureau](#).

PARKING

Free onsite parking is available at the hotel and all sites used during the symposium.

TECHNOLOGY

Austin High School is a wireless campus. Attendees are strongly encouraged to bring personal technology to use during the symposium.

DIETARY NEEDS

Attendees with special dietary needs should indicate those needs when registering for the symposium. With prior notification we are able to address your dietary restrictions.

SPECIAL ACCOMODATIONS

Contact Wendy Behrens wendy.behrens@state.mn.us to request a reasonable accommodation to participate in symposium events. Note: Requests must be made by email and received by May 15th in order to provide the requested accommodation. We require a 48-hour notice to cancel the request.

PRAYER ROOM

A prayer room will be available throughout the symposium at Austin High School.

LACTATION ROOM

A lactation room with comfortable seating and a refrigerator for milk storage will be available throughout the symposium at Austin High School.

INTERNATIONAL ATTENDEES

The Hormel Symposium welcomes all international attendees with an interest in gifted education. During past symposiums we've welcomed international participants from Australia, Canada, Hong Kong, Kenya, Turkey, and the United Kingdom. Please contact Wendy Behrens wendy.behrens@state.mn.us for special assistance prior to scheduling your travel.

ACADEMIC CREDIT

Symposium participants may register for academic credit from Hamline University. Course information and registration forms will be available during onsite registration Monday, June 12 from 7:15 to 8:15 a.m. and at Command Central throughout the symposium. Fees for graduate or undergraduate credit will be in addition to the symposium registration fee.

CONTINUING EDUCATION UNITS

CEUs will be available for Minnesota administrators and teachers at no charge. Teachers and administrators who attend all sessions will earn 28 CEUs. School Leaders who attend Leadership Academy on Monday only will receive 6 CEUs, those who choose to attend Leadership Academy plus an optional session will receive 8 CEUs. Pre-conference attendees will earn 2 CEUs. Parents who attend Parent Day will earn 6 CEUs.

BOOK FAIR

An onsite book fair with educational resources will be open as scheduled during the symposium. Materials can be purchased with cash, check or credit card, and receipts will be provided. On Wednesday, several of the symposium presenters will be on hand to sign copies of their publications.

EMERGENCY CONTACT

During symposium hours please contact Barb Spurling at Austin Public Schools at 507-460-1912 and request to speak to Amanda Barber.

After symposium hours contact Wendy Behrens at 651-492-1465.

QUESTIONS

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