
Program Description

GATE programs are provided for students meeting a specific set of criteria which qualifies them to participate in qualitatively different curricular experiences designed to recognize and nurture the special gifts and talents of individual students using depth, complexity, novelty, and/or accelerating the core curriculum.

The GATE program provides an integration of literature, fine arts, math, social studies, and science in GATE-cluster classrooms. Classroom curriculum integrates depth and complexity of principles, theories, and generalizations into the core curriculum. Projects and presentations emphasize the use of primary resources. An emphasis on higher-level thinking allows students to transfer their learning to new situations and to generate new information and products. While core skills and problem solving are reinforced, multiple opportunities are offered to promote a higher level of critical thinking.

Placement

GATE Cluster

GATE Cluster classes are available for identified GATE students in grades 3-6 at all schools. These classes contain small groups of identified GATE students receiving enrichment in the regular classroom. Through flexible grouping, students are provided with differentiated instruction throughout the school day.

Junior High GATE/Honors

GATE and Honors courses are designed to prepare students to be college and career ready and consider pathways to high school programs that may include Advanced Placement (AP) and Career Technical Education (CTE) Pathways.



Gifted means having exceptional talent or natural ability while Talented means having a natural aptitude or skill for something.

Gifted learners have outstanding abilities in one or more academic subjects while Talented learners have exceptional abilities in one or more practical subjects.

Gifted students show aptitude for subjects like math, science, history, and geography while Talented students show skills in areas like dance, music, arts, design, sports, etc.

District-wide GATE Programs

GATE students may participate in district-wide programs, including Odyssey of the Mind teams and competitions.