

# GATE

## Gifted and Talented Education

Palisades Park School District

Palisades Park, NJ 07650

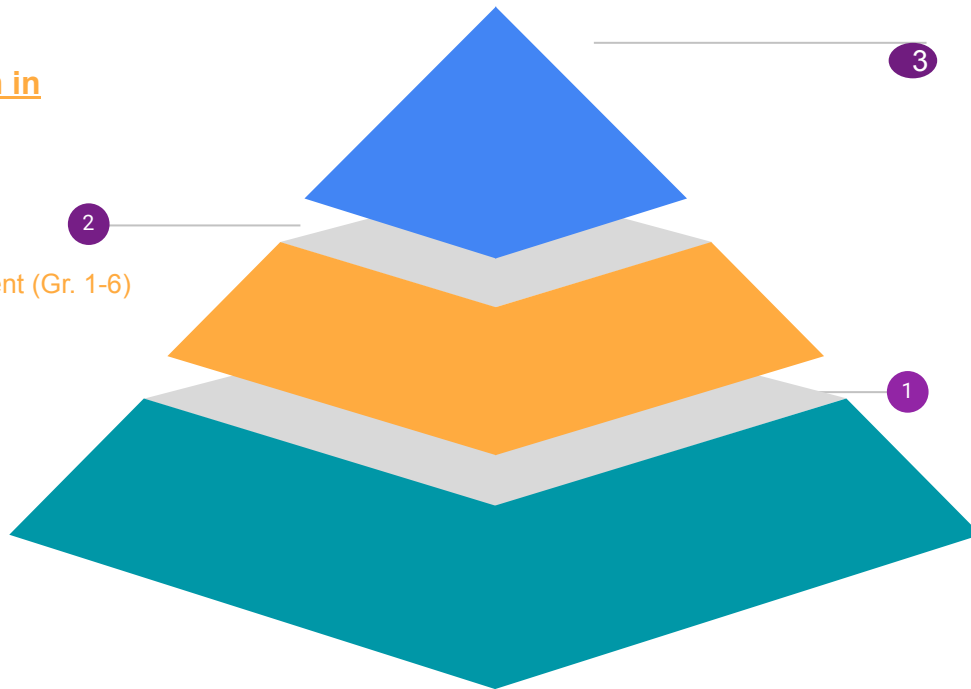
"Gifted and talented student" means a student who possesses or demonstrates a high level of ability in one or more content areas when compared to his chronological peers in the school district and who requires modifications of his educational program if he is to achieve in accordance with his capabilities.C.18A:35-35

# Three Tiered Instruction to Support the Gifted and Talented Program

## Tier 2-Pull Out /Push in Program

Small Group Enrichment  
Pull Out Program (Gr. 1-3)  
LEAP (Grades 4-6)  
Special Art (Grades 4-6)  
Extensive Music Enrichment (Gr. 1-6)

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## Tier 3-Advanced Placement Gr.7-12

This tier consists of placements of higher level honors placement. Also includes college preparatory classes , Honors Music and Select Choir as well as competitive programs offered at the highschool level.

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## Tier 1-In Class Instruction Pre-k, K

Differentiated Instruction in the classroom, Field Trips, Lesson Extensions, Supplemental Materials  
Teacher Support

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# Three Tier GATE Program

*The Gifted and Talented Program (GATE) is a program offered by the district to provide developmentally appropriate instruction to students in all grade levels. The GATE program runs from mid October to mid May. Evaluations are twice per year ,Fall and Spring,in order to allow the students to enter the program for the Fall semester each school year. Fall evaluations will be used for entrance into the GATE program for the current school year while spring evaluations will permit new students into the program for the following school year.*

*Students can not enter the program after the Fall evaluation period (September to November) until the following school year. New students to the district must follow the same protocol and will not be admitted into the program after the Fall evaluation time period. Mid year requests will not be granted under any circumstances.*

## **Tier 1**

- Pre- Kindergarten and Kindergarten teachers will maximize and differentiate learning for accelerated students using multiple measures.The multiple measures may consist or but nor be limited to The Renzulli Behavioral Rating, classroom observations, classroom benchmarks and student portfolios.
- Classroom teacher support for modifying and creating unique learning opportunities are provided through the elementary Gifted and Talented Teacher.
- Supplemental materials and lesson extensions are a part of the districts curriculum in order to provide students with a deeper level of understanding that stimulates mental growth.

## **Tier 2**

*Teacher's must submit a referral form to begin the selection process for the GATE program. No student will be considered without a referral form by their teacher(s). After the teacher referral, the committee will gather multiple samples from various assessments. All measures will be scored under the board approved Multiple Measures Rubric per grade level. All students must be tested with the district approved cognitive abilities test before entrance into the GATE program. No exceptions will be made.*

- Students in Grade 1 will be able to participate in small group push in/pull out program. Using teacher recommendations and assessments, students that show eagerness to learn and that exude outstanding qualities will participate in a small group lesson taught by the school's Gifted and Talented Teacher.This will allow all students to experience the joy of hands on learning and with a focus on maximizing intellectual ability.
- Students in grades 2&3 will be evaluated using the Multiple Measures Rubric for Grades 2&3 for the Enrichment Pull Out Program. These multiple measures may include: The Renzulli Behavioral Rating Scales , DRA, LINKIT and a Teacher Referral Form.After all measures are taken, the committee will meet to determine the student's eligibility into the program.This program will be held twice per week or 1 double period per week.
- Students in grades 4-6 will be evaluated using the Multiple Measures Rubric for Grades 4-6. These multiple measures may include: The Renzulli Behavioral Rating Scales, KBIT-2, LINKIT or other benchmark assessments along with a Teacher Referral Form. After all measures are taken, the committee will meet to determine the student's eligibility into the program.This program will meet for a double period once per week.
- **Special Art and Honors Music-** These selective programs allow for students to develop advanced skills within the arts. Teachers will use multiple measures which may/may not include teacher recommendations, The Renzulli Scales for Students with Artistic Characteristics and formal assessments.

# Tiers Continued

## Tier 3

- Students in grades 7-12 will have the opportunity to participate in Honors Math, Honors Science, Honors Social Studies , Honors English Language Arts, Honors Art and Select Choir . Advanced placement courses such as college accredited courses (AP) are offered for select students who meet criteria. Students are assessed using multiple measures such as various forms of benchmark testing, NJSLA and teacher recommendations.

## Re-Evaluation

The current Gifted and Talented students will be re-evaluated at the start of each school year. If a student falls under proficiency on the standardized tests for ELA and Math they may be re-evaluated. Students may also be re-evaluated if in class, performance or behavior is not meeting expectations of the teacher(s).

If this occurs the principal of the school will notify and meet with the parent/guardian and discuss possible solutions. If the student does not improve over a period of time, the principal can remove the student from the Gifted and Talented Program.

# Complaints Regarding the Gifted & Talented Program

If a parent or guardian has a concern regarding the GATE program the following protocol will be implemented:

- Contact the Gifted Teacher by calling 201-947-3556 ex.2420
  - Please leave a message with the name of your child, grade and homeroom teacher. Please allow 24 hours for a return phone call.
- If there is no resolution then the parent/guardian may contact the building principal to arrange a meeting with both parties to discuss the situation.
- If the parent or guardian is unsatisfied with the result they may contact the Superintendent of Schools, Dr. Cirillo.
- Lastly, If dissatisfied with the Superintendent's/Board of Education's findings, contact the Bergen County School Superintendent, Bergen County Office of Education, One Bergen County Plaza 3rd Floor, Room 350, Hackensack, NJ 07601. A complaint submitted to the executive county superintendent may only allege noncompliance that has occurred within one year prior to the date that the complaint is submitted.
  - *Finally, if matter still disputed, parent or legal guardian can file a Petition of Appeal of the board's written decision to the Commissioner of Education through the Office of Controversies and Disputes in accordance with N.J.S.18A:6-9 and the procedures set forth in State Board of Education regulations.*

# Professional Development Applicable to G&T

- The Bergen County Consortium for Teachers of the Gifted (BCCTG)
- The New Jersey Association for Gifted Children (NJAGC)
- NJDOE Structuring Gifted PD for Educators
- Differentiated Instruction in the Classroom
- Nurtured Heart Training
- Designing Digital Breakouts
- Using Data to Drive Instruction
- Grade Level Meetings focusing on Differentiated Instruction
- Monthly PLC Meeting on Data and Assessment
- Investigations Math Exposure