

GATE Identification Process

(GATE Testing)

The Testing Department will test all currently enrolled 3rd grade students as a preliminary step towards GATE identification in the fall, usually October, of each school year. Additionally, we will test students in grades 4 & 5 who are newly enrolled in our district. Parents of **ALL** third grade students as well as those who have students in grades 4 & 5 who are new to our district, should receive a letter from the GATE Testing Department with a consent form. If you do **NOT** want your child tested, please indicate the proper place on the consent form and return it to your child's teacher or to our district office prior to the testing date given to you for your school. Families will be notified via a letter of their student's testing results (pass / fail format) as well as the necessary paperwork to continue with the identification process. All communications will come from the testing department, usually by the end of December each year.

More to know:

- We identify students for GATE using a standardized non-verbal assessment
- We provide professional learning opportunities for teachers
- We establish program guidelines and evaluate program procedures annually with our curriculum & instruction team
- We can consult with teachers of high-achieving students in grade 1 & 2 upon teacher request.
- We offer parent support through GATE resources and an informational parent night that is offered in early winter for parents who are new to GATE.
- We offer GATE student support through the depth and complexity model based on Dr. Sandra Kaplan's work as a professor at USC as well as other research-based practices.