

T.U.S.D. Gifted and Talented Education

Responsibility Effort Achievement Citizenship Hard work



GATE

Welcome!

Parent Informational Meeting

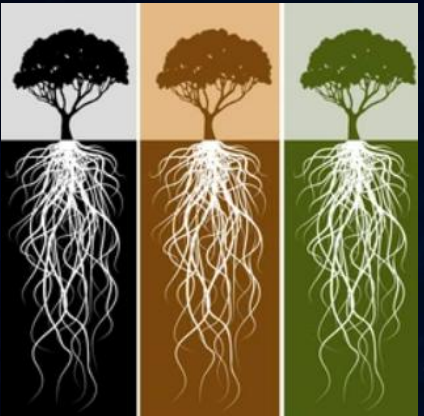
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What makes *GATE* different? Developing Scholars!

Responsibility **E**ffort **A**chievement **C**itizenship **H**ard work

Beyond Basics



Intense Acceleration Creative
Goals Based Thinking Growth Mindset
Support Exuberant Talent Productive
Gifted Leadership Critical Thinkers Problem Solvers
Learning Evidence Based Support Exuberant Talent Productive
Create Leadership Critical Thinkers Problem Solvers
Rigor Ambitious Innovative

Academic Rigor

Fostering Creativity



21st Century Citizens

Differentiation is the name of the game ...

Depth	Students analyze details to more deeply understand concepts.
Complexity	Students apply critical thinking to multiple facets of a concept.
Novelty	Students personalize their understanding through their passions.
Acceleration	Students can move at a faster pace.

differentiation
does not mean
more... it means
different

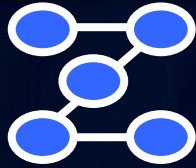


GATE kids think big!

Critical thinking



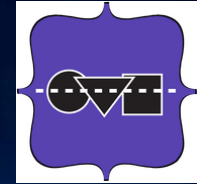
Details



Patterns



Big Ideas



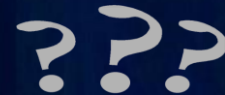
Across the Disciplines



Language of
the Discipline



Rules



Unanswered
Questions



Trends



Ethics



Multiple
Perspectives



Habits of Scholars:

Traits that students are taught to exhibit.

- Ponder Ideas
- Intellectual Risk-taking
- Preparation
- Excellence
- Academic Humility
- Curiosity
- Multiple Perspectives
- Perseverance
- Varied Resources
- Goal Setting



Middle School GATE Program Details

- ◆ 6th grade self-contained with integration for PE and elective
- ◆ 7th and 8th grade GATE for ELA/SS.
- ◆ Advanced math for those who qualify in 7th and 8th grade
- ◆ Academic Competitions



Middle School GATE

We are
Tracy Unified School District's Middle School Cohort
of GATE Teachers:

Monte Vista Middle School

- 6th grade: Dawn Arbogast
- 7th & 8th grade: Carol Wyant

Williams Middle School

- 6th grade: Cynthia Angell
- 7th grade: Bryan Kauk (ELA) Nicholas Kerin (SS)
- 8th grade: Bryan Kauk, (ELA) Cheryl Reszka (SS)



GATE Testing

- ◆ Students are assessed using IQ tests: the NNAT3 for grades 1 – 7
- ◆ School Site Psychologists administer the test
- ◆ Parents or teachers may request GATE testing



What do these tests assess?

- ◆ They are different from a standardized academic test.
- ◆ These are reasoning and critical thinking tests. It is a visual test.
- ◆ There is not a practice test from the test makers



Student Qualifications for GATE

- ◆ GATE testing score
- ◆ Application
- ◆ SBAC
- ◆ District Assessments
- ◆ Teacher Recommendations
- ◆ Interviews



Helpful Tips for Test Preparation

- ◆ Good night's rest
- ◆ Breakfast
- ◆ Use of Restrooms
- ◆ Coping Skills:
 - ◆ Deep Breathing Exercises
 - ◆ Positive Self-Talk
- ◆ Positive Affirmations



Important GATE Dates to Remember



GATE applications

Last day to submit.

December 19, 2025

January 24, 2026

GATE Assessment
for students currently in grades 1st - 7th grade

Phenomenal new school year begins!

August, 2026



Thanks!

Any questions?

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