

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

Responsibility Effort Achievement Citizenship Hard work



GATE

Welcome!

Parent Informational Meeting

November 6, 2025



What makes *GATE* different?

Responsibility

Effort

Achievement

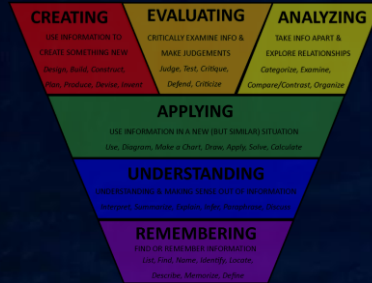
Citizenship

Hard work

Beyond Basics



Fostering Creativity



Academic Rigor



21st Century Citizens

Differentiation is the name of the game ...

Depth	In-depth, elaborate, and rigorous concepts.
Complexity	Look for patterns to make complex things simpler ~ not harder.
Novelty	Carefully crafted peak moments.
Acceleration	Building up areas to improve and maximize student's strengths.

differentiation
does not mean
more... it means
different

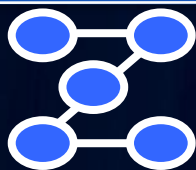


GATE kids think big!

Critical thinking



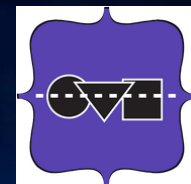
Details



Patterns



Big Ideas



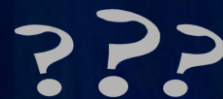
Across the Disciplines



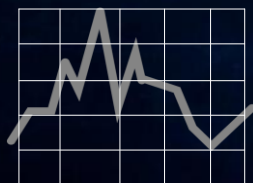
Language of
the Discipline



Rules



Unanswered
Questions



Trends



Ethics



Multiple
Perspectives

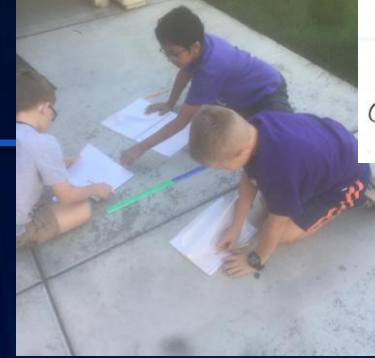
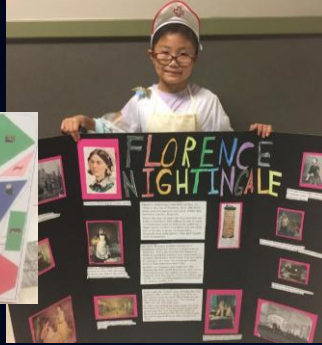


Passion Project

- ◆ GENIUS HOUR to develop their passion on a new idea or skill
- ◆ Allows students to research a topic of choice to promote creativity and innovative thinking



GATE Success



FRIDAY, MARCH 20, 2020

CLASS SUPPORTS PET RESCUE

PAYOFF: DeAnna Hazelbaker (back right) and her second-grade Gifted and Talented Education class at South/West Park Elementary School presented a donation to Animal Rescue of Tracy President Julie Selner (center) and volunteer Dorothy Kunz (back left, holding her foster dog Penny) on March 11. Hazelbaker's class raised \$400 through a recycling-themed "passion project" and invited Selner, Kunz and Penny, a rescued dog, to visit their class last week. Starting in October, Hazelbaker said the students researched the impacts of waste and the benefits of recycling and wrote up their findings. They set up recycling bins at school and at home and took the things they collected to recycling centers, earning the money they gave to Animal Rescue of Tracy. For information about the rescue group, go to www.animalrescuetracy.org or call 642-4324.

Courtesy of Sarah McLaman



GATE Success



CSI:

Think Big! GATE Students Achieve



Bubble science at South/West Park

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Students in Cindy Womack's Gifted and Talented Education class at South/West Park Elementary School are learning the science of bubbles through demonstrations, art and poetry during a weeklong "Bubbleology" session.

Students in the class, which combines second through fifth grades, have been studying the features of bubbles — from the chemical composition of the best bubble to their aerodynamic features — and applying them to scientific principles.

On Monday, during a lesson called "Bubble," they used air pressure and direction of bubbles as they principle of lift and flight. Eventu to guide their bubbles around o

Womack said the GATE class g science curriculum so that moti investigate doing things in fun a



'Bubbleology' on display at South/West Park

Ethan Medeiros , a fifth-grade GATE student at South /West Park Elementary School, tries to keep a soap bubble aloft as he learns about the Bernoulli's principle of lift on Monday.



What kind of story do you want for your child?

“We are all stories in the end, just make it a good one.”

~Dr. Who



South/West Park GATE Program Details

- ◆ Self-contained classrooms @ SWP
- ◆ Grades 2-5
- ◆ Free Breakfast/Lunch
- ◆ Free After School Program (Boys and Girls Club)
- ◆ Safe and Secure School
- ◆ Spelling Bee Grades 4-5
- ◆ Science Olympiad Grades 4-5
- ◆ Math Olympiad Grades 4-5



Student Qualifications for GATE

- ◆ Students are assessed using IQ tests: the NNAT3 for grades 1 – 7
 - ◆ 85% + = GATE identified
 - ◆ 79% - 84 % = High Achiever + Checklist for observed behaviors
 - ◆ 73% - 78% = High Achiever pending interview results
- ◆ School Site Psychologists administer the test
- ◆ Parents or teachers may request GATE testing



What do these tests assess?

- ◆ Not a Standardized Academic Test.
- ◆ Visual and reasoning and critical thinking tests.
- ◆ Practice test from the test makers is not available



Helpful Tips for Test Preparation

- ◆ Good nights 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 19th, 2025

January 24, 2026

New school year begins!

August 2026

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



Thanks!

Any questions?

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