

GATE Qualification Process for 2026-2027 Frequently Asked Questions {FAQ}

GATE Qualification	
Question	Answer
1. How were students in FUSD qualified for the GATE programs for the 2026-2027 school year?	Qualification criteria consisted of multiple measures that included scores on reasoning abilities assessments and academic performance.
2. What data was used to qualify students for GATE services?	CogAT scores along with academic measures including but not limited to state assessments (SBAC), iReady Diagnostic, and other academic measures were reviewed holistically.
3. How will families know if their child has qualified?	Families will receive a letter from the GATE office communicating that they are eligible for GATE services.
4. What if I don't get a letter?	Only students who were qualified as GATE will receive a letter from the GATE office.
5. What do GATE services look like in FUSD?	All students qualified as eligible for GATE services will receive appropriate differentiated instructional services in their current schools. Students may be randomly selected to participate in a GATE program through an admissions lottery to attend Manchester Gate Elementary, or the gifted program at Yokomi Elementary.
6. If my child is qualified for GATE, are they enrolled in a GATE program automatically?	No, due to limited seating students are selected through a lottery system.
7. How are children selected into a GATE Program?	Students may be selected through a randomized admissions lottery to attend Manchester Gate Elementary, or the gifted program at Yokomi Elementary.
8. How will parents be notified they have secured a placement at one of the GATE programs?	The Transfers Department/ GATE Office will send out notification to the families of students who have secured a placement in a GATE program.
9. What if my child does not get a placement in a GATE program?	All students qualified as eligible for GATE services, <i>but not selected</i> to attend Manchester Gate, or the gifted program at Yokomi, will be put on a wait list. Students will receive appropriate differentiated instruction in their current schools.
10. If my child is not enrolled in a GATE program, will they have to test again?	No, once a student is designated as GATE, they will retain their GATE status until the end of their educational career in Fresno Unified.
11. If my child receives SPED services, will they be provided at the GATE programs?	There are different levels of services provided at the GATE programs. SPED department will work with families individually to provide accurate information.

For all questions regarding GATE qualification please contact the GATE office at 457-6073.

For all questions regarding enrollment for GATE programs please contact the Transfers Department at 248-7538

For all questions regarding SPED services and GATE please contact Julie Wheelock in the SPED Department at 457-3220

You are also invited to visit our Web page at <https://curr.fresnounified.org/gate> for suggested resources to help you support your advanced student.

