

Qualification of First Grade Students for GATE Services for 2026-2027

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Spring 2026 Qualification of GATE Students	
<p><i>Fresno Unified developed the standards for determining student eligibility for GATE services for the 2026-2027 school year using best practices and past guidance from experts in the field of gifted education. Qualification criteria consisted of multiple measures that included scores on reasoning abilities assessments and academic performance. A holistic review process was completed by educators of diverse backgrounds and experiences across our school district.</i></p>	
<p><i>The Cognitive Ability Test (CogAT) Screener was administered to students in the 1st grade.</i></p>	<p>The CogAT Screener is a nationally standardized assessment that measures reasoning and problem-solving skills in verbal, quantitative (numbers), and non-verbal areas. This assessment measures the cognitive development of each student who is assessed. The Screener is a shortened version of the full CogAT. Students are assessed in early fall.</p>
<p><i>Academic Measures</i></p>	<p>Including but not limited to: Kindergarten Foundational Skills Assessment, iReady Diagnostic, and other academic measures.</p>
<p><i>Students who qualify for GATE Services</i></p>	<p>All students identified as eligible for GATE services will receive appropriate differentiated instructional services in their current schools and may be randomly selected through an admissions lottery to attend Manchester Gate, or the gifted program at Yokomi.</p>
<p><i>Families will be notified in April, if their student met the criteria for GATE services.</i></p>	<p>Steps for Admission to Manchester GATE or Yokomi GATE classes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A proportional random lottery by high school region of all eligible students will be conducted to select students to attend Manchester or Yokomi GATE • Families of the students selected in the initial lottery will be notified by the beginning of April of their option to attend a designated GATE program. • Subsequent openings occurring after the window for accepting placement will be filled in numerical order from the waitlist established by the initial lottery. • Families of students on the wait list will be notified when their student is designated to attend. • All eligible students will remain on the numbered waitlist through the 2026-2027 school year

Qualification of Second through Fifth Grade Students for GATE Services for 2026-2027

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<p><i>The Cognitive Ability Test (CogAT) was administered to select students in Grades 2-5.</i></p>	<p>The Cognitive Abilities Test (CogAT) appraises the student’s level and pattern of cognitive development and measures both general and specific reasoning abilities. General reasoning abilities reflect the overall efficiency that students learn new tasks and solve problems, especially in the absence of direct instruction. These abilities are assessed in three domains: verbal (words), quantitative (math), and nonverbal (patterns and puzzles). Students are compared to peers within their age group with the use of local norming.</p>
<p><i>Academic Measures</i></p>	<p>Including but not limited to state assessments (SBAC), iReady Diagnostic, and other academic measures.</p>
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