

Potential GATE Referral

2026 - 2027 GATE Timeline

Current GATE student

GATE Facilitator and
GATE-DAC Meetings.

Fall GATE parent
meeting at school sites

Elementary Parent Teacher Conferences 10/12-10/16
Discuss GATE referrals for 4th and 5th Grade Students
[IDL](#) for GATE Identified Students

- Classroom Differentiation
- GATE Student Cluster Groups
- District and Site Activities
- Noetic Math Opportunities
- Parent Talks
- Social-Emotional Support
- Solve It / SPONT Days
- Speakers
- Other Events

GATE Facilitator/Office Manager collect the following:

- Parent Referral - [Elementary Intermediate](#) / [Secondary](#)
OR
- [Teacher Referrals](#) with Parent Consent Forms - [Elementary](#) / [Secondary](#)

Send **completed referral packet** to Instructional Services by **November 3, 2026**.
INSTRUCTIONAL SERVICES WILL INPUT "GATE REFERRAL" IN Q UNDER PROGRAMS.

The Naglieri General Ability Test (NGAT) will be administered on district devices to GATE *referred* elementary intermediate students, while the Cognitive Ability Test (CogAT) "Screening Form" will be administered to GATE *referred* secondary students, at each school site beginning **December 1, 2026**. All students *referred* for GATE **MUST** have a signed consent form ([Elementary](#) / [Secondary](#)) to participate in the identification process. Rising 3rd grade students will have the opportunity to participate in a separate [universal GATE screening session](#) using the 2nd grade Naglieri General Ability Test (NGAT) in the spring **unless their parent/guardian opts them out with a [signed non-consent form](#)**.

The CVUSD GATE Placement Committee will review initial CogAT results for *secondary* students in **early January**. 6th – 11th grade referred students that do not have an initial score of 95%ile or higher to qualify for GATE, but have *strong verbal, quantitative, and/or non-verbal scores*, will take the Complete Cognitive Abilities Test (CogAT) Verbal, Quantitative, and/or Non-Verbal sections as a follow-up activity at the student's school site *within the first two weeks of January*. **Final GATE Placement Committee meeting conducted in mid-January to review ALL individual GATE referral documentation and comprehensive NGAT/CogAT data to determine GATE eligibility for those students with a 95%ile or higher score overall or verbal, quantitative, or nonverbal ability.**

Letters and scores are mailed to the parents/guardians of *all* screening participants indicating eligibility outcomes shortly after the final placement meeting. School sites receive the student eligibility letters and corresponding student scores to include in cumulative records. Office staff will update internal GATE list and notify teachers of newly qualified students. District enters screening results and program code in Q.

Previously identified GATE *transfer* student information will be received and reviewed throughout the year. Parents should submit the GATE Eligibility Letter and identification documentation from their previous district preferably including the test given and the student's scores. The Instructional Services GATE Placement Committee will determine GATE transfer eligibility, update the student's record in Q, and inform both the parents and the school of the committee's placement decision.