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Dear Parents and Guardians,

This informational letter is being sent to all first-grade families in the Tracy Unified School District.

We are pleased to announce that **all TUSD first grade students will be taking the Naglieri Nonverbal Ability Test – Third Edition (NNAT3) online assessment.** We will administer the GATE assessments on **September 29th, September 30th, & October 1st** for potential enrollment for the 2027-2028 school year. The assessment will take place at your child's school site during the school day.

If you do not wish to have your child tested, an "Opt-Out" form will be available at your school's office. Please fill it out and return it to your school office by September 25, 2026.

Children may be eligible for enrollment in the GATE program if they demonstrate:

- High verbal/intellectual ability
- Problem-solving skills
- A high degree of curiosity
- Early reading or math skills

GATE is a magnet program for students in grades 2nd - 5th located at South/West Park Elementary School as well as for grades 6th – 8th located at Monte Vista Middle School and Earle E. Williams Middle School. It is a full-time program where students receive a core curriculum enhanced by depth, complexity, novelty and acceleration. Alumni of this program have been highly successful high school students who have gained entrance into notable Colleges and Universities.

You will receive your student's test results via email by or before October 23. Assessment results cannot be provided over the phone.

For more information regarding the Tracy Unified School District GATE program, please visit: <https://www.tracy.k12.ca.us/programs/gate>

Best regards,

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