

Garden Grove Unified School District

GIFTED AND TALENTED (GATE) SECONDARY PROGRAMS

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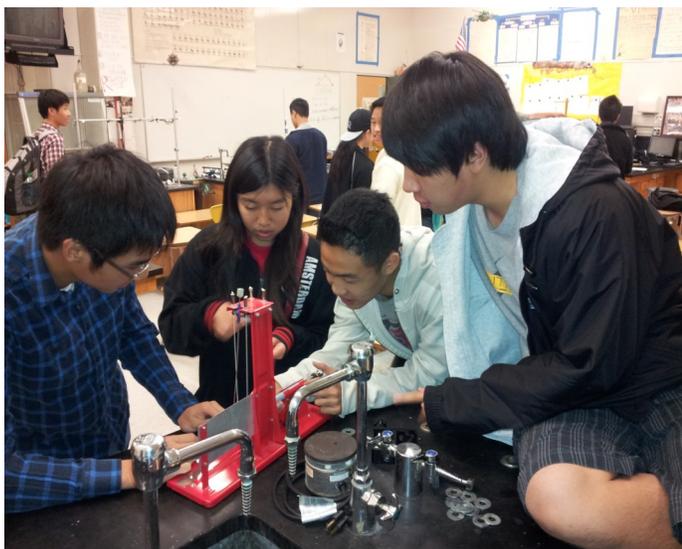
Elementary Edition

What can my GATE child expect in Intermediate School?

When your GATE student reaches Intermediate School, she or he will have the opportunity to take advanced classes in mathematics (Algebra and Geometry) and English Language Arts (Advanced / GATE English). Placement in advanced classes at the intermediate level is based on student performance in 5th and 6th grades. It is important that all students do their best on trimester benchmarks and California Standards Tests. Students must score consistently in the advanced bands on all district and state assessments in a given subject area in order to take advanced classes in that subject.



Intermediate School also provides students their first introduction to history and science as subjects apart from English-Language Arts. These foundational courses will prepare them for Advanced Placement (AP) courses in high school. Additionally, Intermediate School provides students with their first opportunity to choose course electives that include: Band, Chorus, Art, Technology and Advancement Via Individual Determination (AVID), among others. In the Spring of 6th grade, all students and parents receive information about the course offerings and choices your child will have in exciting Intermediate School!



Looking Ahead to High School!

What can GATE students look forward to in high school? High School provides more choices for your GATE student, as high school students enjoy multiple electives and career pathway courses. Beginning in 9th grade, students may take Honors classes which lead to enrollment in AP courses .

In addition to academics, high school students participate in extracurricular activities such as ASB (Associated Student Body), Music or Vocal Performing Arts, Fine Arts, Career-oriented electives and CIF Athletics. Participating in extracurricular activities as well as the many other clubs and organizations on campus will allow students a rich high school experience as they prepare for college.



High School GATE students will have the opportunity to take courses that prepare them for Advanced Placement Courses offered by all high schools in conjunction with The College Board. These courses, which carry weighted GPA credit, also can earn a student COLLEGE credits if they pass the test for the course. Garden Grove Unified currently offers 28 AP courses, in several subjects such as mathematics, English, history, science and even electives!

For more information on AP Courses, you can visit the College Board website at: <http://www.collegeboard.com>

