

CHARACTERISTICS OF GIFTEDNESS

(frequent but not universal)



Learn basic skills quickly



Critical & flexible thinking



Problem solving & curiosity



Good memory; retain information



Advanced Vocabulary



Intensity of feelings and actions



Likes to experiment/ put ideas together



Asks inquisitive questions: often asks "why"

Adapted from the National Association for Gifted Children: "Common Characteristics of Gifted Individuals"

STRUGGLES OF GIFTEDNESS

(frequent but not universal)



Perfectionism



Think and process information differently



Twice exceptional



Asynchronous development



Underachievement

Adapted from the article "The Twelve Most Important Issues for Parents of Gifted Children" *Gifted Education Communicator*, Vol.39 No.2

TIPS TO NURTURE GIFTED STUDENTS



Follow their interests rather than pressure them with your own agenda



Enjoy music, plays, museums, arts historical places & discuss your experiences



Facilitate real-life reading, writing, science, and math experiences



Recognize that gifted children need to question and respond critically



Emphasize the learning & interact enthusiastically as your child shares school work



Be an active listener and elicit children's perceptions

Adapted from the article "20 Tips for Nurturing Gifted Children" *Gifted Education Communicator*, Vol.39 No.2

PARENT RESOURCES

- California Association for the Gifted (CAG) www.cagifted.org
- National Association for Gifted Children (NAGC) www.nagc.org
- Supporting Emotional Needs of the Gifted (SENG) <http://sengifted.org/>
- World Council for Gifted and Talented Children (WCGTC) www.world-gifted.org

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What does gifted mean?

Children who give evidence of high performance capability in areas such as intellectual, creative, artistic, or leadership capacity or in specific academic fields. (Federal Government: Public Law 100-297)

How did my child qualify?

- Multiple forms of data including: GATE test results, additional academic data, & behavior characteristics
- Decision by nomination committee

How is a GATE class different from a general education class?

State Ed Code indicates gifted students will experience differentiated instruction 100% of the school day with **teachers who have received training in serving the needs of gifted students.**

How do I enroll in GATE?

- Sign "Permission to Participate"
- Return to GATE Office by **WEDNESDAY, April 19, 2017 by 5pm**
- GATE Office will notify schools of your child's GATE status and placement
- You will receive a class assignment and bus information card in the mail **the week before school begins**

What about transportation?

- GATE students are assigned to a bus stop for designated GATE school, **if requested**
- Non-GATE siblings may qualify for busing, **if requested**
- Bus stop may be assigned near a child care provider **within your GATE school's attendance area**

FAQ Frequently Asked Questions

Who will not get a bus stop?

- GATE students who don't live within the GATE school's attendance area
- Non-GATE siblings if buses are at capacity
- GATE students whose child care is outside of the GATE school's attendance area

What about sibling transfers?

- Submit YELLOW sibling transfer form with your transfer application
- Submitting a GATE sibling transfer **DOES NOT** guarantee an approved transfer
- Transfers are based on space and program availability
- PLEASE NOTE: Allen and Patton are severely impacted (over capacity in enrollment) and will be taking very few transfers for the 2017-18 school year**

What happens in intermediate?

- Students return to their "home school" and participate in advanced classes or clustered classes
- Students are combined with other high achieving students or mixed ability classes
- Schedules are monitored by counselors according to achievement & productivity
- PLEASE NOTE: McGarvin is severely impacted and taking very few transfers. Attending Allen DOES NOT guarantee enrollment at McGarvin.**
- PLEASE NOTE: Bell is severely impacted and taking very few transfers. Attending Patton DOES NOT guarantee enrollment at Bell.**

What if I am NEW to GGUSD?

If NEW to the district, complete registration at GATE school. Bring with you...

- Proof of address
- Proof of immunizations
- Birth certificate

What are some popular child care programs?

Allen	Patton	Peters K-3 Peters 4-6
Boys & Girls Club of Huntington Valley 16582 Brookhurst Fountain Valley (714) 531-2582	Patton Kids Club On site @ Patton Elementary (714) 893-0649	Main Branch Kids Club 9860 Larson Ave Garden Grove (714) 537-1465

When is Open House for my future GATE School?

Allen Thursday, June 8, 2017 6:30pm	Patton Tuesday, May 23, 2017 6:00pm	Peters K-3 Tuesday, May 23, 2017 6:00pm
		Peters 4-6 Tuesday, May 16, 2017 6:00pm

How can I become more involved as a GGUSD GATE parent?

- Attend **GATE District Advisory Committee (GATE DAC)** meetings
- Meet 3 times (fall, winter, & spring)
- Interact with other GATE parents
- Learn about GATE instructional practices
- Share feedback/input on the program
- Next meeting: **May 9, 2017 at District Office, 6-7pm**