

GIFTED AND TALENTED EDUCATION PROGRAM

The Board of Trustees believes that all students deserve an education that develops their potential to the highest possible levels and to grow to become active, contributing members of society.

The District shall offer a Gifted and Talented Education Program (GATE) in order to give gifted and talented students opportunities to acquire skills and understanding at levels commensurate with their potential. By cultivating their exceptional abilities or talents, these students may contribute significantly to our society's progress in diverse fields.

Gifted and talented programs may offer a GATE school model. The GATE program may include special day classes; part-time grouping; enrichment activities; cluster grouping; independent study; acceleration post-secondary education opportunities; services for underachieving, linguistically or culturally divergent and/or economically disadvantaged eligible students; and special counseling or instruction not offered in the regular classroom.

The Superintendent or designee shall develop and implement programs designed to provide GATE students the opportunity to attend their neighborhood schools or GATE center school, and develop and implement school, parent, community awareness activities regarding GATE students and programs.

The Superintendent or designee shall establish procedures, which will ensure certificated staff, students, community members, and parent/guardians participation in planning, evaluating, and implementing the program

Staff development shall be provided as needed to support teachers in understanding the unique learning styles and abilities of gifted and talented students and in developing appropriate instructional strategies.

The Districts GATE program is Grades 4-8. The Superintendent or designee shall establish a process to identify students for the District's GATE program on the basis of high levels of demonstrated or potential intellectual ability. Identified gifted and talented students, along with other high-achieving students who qualify for inclusion, will be eligible to participate in the program.

The Board of Trustees recognizes that there may be GATE students not identified because of linguistic, cultural, and/or economic reasons. Special effort will be made to seek out and access such students for possible placement in the GATE program. The District will use alternative means to identify these students.

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