



Gifted/Talented Programs Parent Newsletter

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LAUSD CORE BELIEFS: 1. Start with students, 2. Families are our partners, 3. Success is in the classroom, 4. Diversity is our strength, 5. Effective teaching, leadership, and accountability are the keys to our success.

Interested in Applying to a Gifted/ High Ability or Highly Gifted Magnet?

Magnet programs are court-ordered voluntary integration opportunities available to students living within the LAUSD boundaries. District-paid transportation may be provided for applicants residing outside a two-mile radius for Elementary (K-5); and a five-mile radius for Secondary (6-12) who meet specific District guidelines. The magnet schools/centers offer self-contained classes and place emphasis on developing higher-level thinking skills in a demanding academic program for students who are entering grades 1-12.

Applications will be available District-wide at the local schools, Educational Service Centers, Parent Community Services Branch (PCSB), Los Angeles City Libraries or by calling the Office of Student Integration Services. Parents may submit a paper application or apply online at echoices.lausd.net starting on October 1. Applications are due by 5:00 pm on November 14.



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WHEN APPLYING TO A GIFTED/HIGHLY GIFTED/HIGH ABILITY OR HIGHLY GIFTED MAGNET PROGRAM, APPLICANTS MUST:

1. Be verified as eligible to apply by the school of attendance or
2. Be identified as Gifted in the Intellectual*, High Achievement or Specific Academic Ability Categories and
3. Reside within the LAUSD boundaries at the time of application and while participating in the magnet program.

*Students applying to a Highly Gifted (HG) Magnet must have a verified score of 99.9% on an intellectual assessment administered by LAUSD Psychological Services on file prior to the magnet application deadline. If space is available, students with scores of 99.5% and above will also be accepted.

For a list of Gifted/High Ability and Highly Gifted Magnets go to achieve.lausd.net/gate and click on "Program Options."

For information regarding the process of application, verification, and student selection, call Student Integration Services at (213) 241-4177.

GATE IDENTIFICATION UPDATES

- Schools will submit GATE referrals electronically (with the exception of the parent consent form) starting this school year.
- Students who met the criteria on the 2014 OLSAT as second graders will be officially identified in the High Achievement category in Fall.
- A contingency plan is in the approval process to establish criteria for the High Achievement and Specific Academic Categories in the absence of CST testing.
- Referrals for identification in the Visual and Performing Arts category must be submitted by October 17. Auditions/Demonstrations will take place at Sotomayor HS on November 15 and are by invitation only.



Gifted/Talented Programs is excited to announce that Anne Fleming, former Designated GATE Psychologist for ESC West, will now be working in the central GATE Office as our new Central Office Designated GATE Psychologist. We are thrilled to have an additional psychologist in the central GATE Office and Ms. Fleming's expertise is unparalleled!

Websites of Interest to Parents of Gifted Students

- achieve.lausd.net/gate
- www.sengifted.org
- www.cagifted.org
- www.nagc.org
- www.cagiftednetwork.com
- www.hoagiesgifted.org
- www.davidsongifted.org
- www.2enewsletter.com
- www.mensaforkids.org
- cty.jhu.edu

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Celebrate Your Child's Unique Gifts and Talents!



Here's to the crazy ones.
The misfits.
The rebels.
The troublemakers.
The round pegs in the square holes.
The ones who see things differently.

They're not fond of rules.
And they have no respect for the status quo.
You can praise them, disagree with them, quote them, disbelieve them, glorify or vilify them.

About the only thing you can't do is ignore them.
Because they change things.
They invent.
They imagine.
They heal.
They explore.
They create.
They inspire.

They push the human race forward.

Maybe they have to be crazy.
How else can you stare at an empty canvas and see a work of art?
Or sit in silence and hear a song that has never been written?
Or gaze at a red planet and see a laboratory on wheels?

...While some see them as the crazy ones, we see genius.

Because the people who are crazy enough to think they can change the world, are the ones who do.

-Steve Jobs (1955-2011)