



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.

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What You Should Know about Your School's GATE Program

Every year, each school in LAUSD is required to submit an Annual GATE Report to monitor the identification and instruction of gifted learners to ensure their academic and social-emotional needs are being met. This year's report is due **June 8, 2015** and will be reviewed by the GATE Office in July. Schools will receive Exemplary, "Approved," or "Not Approved" status. Schools for Advanced Studies (SAS) schools are expected to maintain Exemplary status.

There are four "Performance Targets" that need to be met each year. For each Performance Target not met, the school needs to create an action plan to address how improvements will be made.

Performance Target 1: Gifted Identification

Is at least 6% of the school's total population identified as gifted? Does the gifted population reflect the demographics of the school? Does the school refer students for all seven GATE categories?

Performance Target 2: Instruction and Academic Achievement of GATE Learners

Are gifted students appropriately grouped? Are gifted students meeting/exceeding academic standards? How is instruction differentiated?

Performance Target 3: Knowledgeable and Skilled Staff

Does the school have an active GATE coordinator who attends District meetings

and events? Do GATE/SAS teachers participate in a minimum of 16 hours of yearly GATE professional development?

Performance Target 4: Parent, Family and Community Engagement

Does the school conduct at least two GATE/SAS parent meetings per year? Does the school have an active GATE parent representative? Does the school share information regarding GATE with parents, e.g., newsletters, GATE parent meeting and conference flyers?

The school's Annual GATE Report must be printed and made available to the public in the main office. To learn more about your school's GATE program, contact the school directly.

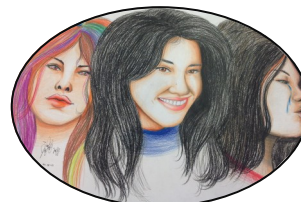
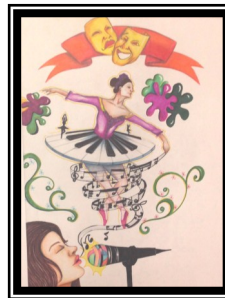


Looking Ahead

- **June 23, 2015 -July 22, 2015:** Limited GATE Office staff
- **Conservatory of Fine Arts Applications:** available in August (date TBD)
- **August 18, 2015:** First day of school for students (Single Track schools)
- **September 30, 2015 Deadline:** Students who were scheduled for the May 2015 auditions/demonstrations to be identified as gifted in the arts but could not attend may call the GATE office by the deadline at (213) 241-6500 to participate in the November 2015 assessment. We need the students current school of attendance and grade level.

2015 Saturday Conservatory of Fine Arts Showcase

On Saturday May 2nd, the Conservatory of Fine Arts teachers and students culminated the year with a final art show and performance. Visual Arts students displayed paintings, sketches, sculptures and collages at California State University, Los Angeles. Performing Arts students showcased their talents in voice, dance, and drama at Burroughs Middle School.



We would like to thank all teachers, support staff, administrators, students and parents for their dedication in making the Conservatory program a great success year after year!

Resources for Summer Fun and Learning!



- **Khan Academy** <www.khanacademy.org> Online video tutorials for students in math, science, SAT preparation and other subject areas
- **iTunes U:** Download app from iTunes to view college course content on your Apple devices
- **National Association for Gifted Children** <www.nagc.org/resources-publications/resources-parents/planning-summer> Tips for summer planning, including selecting summer camps and ideas for an art museum treasure hunt
- **Los Angeles Public Library** <www.lapl.org/summer-reading>
- **Los Angeles County Library** <www.colapublib.org/srp> Look for summer reading activities at local libraries in Los Angeles
- **City of Los Angeles Parks and Recreation** <www.laparks.org/foodprogram> Kids can enjoy a day at the park and have free lunch at select parks within Los Angeles
- **Discover Los Angeles: 100 Free Things to Do** <www.discoverlosangeles.com/blog/100-free-things-to-do-los-angeles> List of free activities, concerts, museums and other attractions across the Los Angeles area
- **Parenting Magazine** <www.parenting.com/article/fun-things-to-do-summer> "Summer activities for kids, crafts, outdoor fun, travel ideas, cool down treats and lots more!"

Have a wonderful summer break!

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