



Welcome to **GATE**
Parent Orientation Meeting
January 28, 2025





Welcome!

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Agenda

What is GATE?

- Giftedness
- Gifted / Talent

Why GATE?

- Characteristics of the Gifted Child

GATE Identification

- Multiple Pathways
- Multi-Dimensional

Placement Options

- GATE-Designated Site
- GATE Cluster
- Special Programs
- Junior High

GATE Classrooms

- Depth
- Complexity
- Novelty
- Enrichment
- Resources

Next Steps

- Submit Enrollment Form by 2/14/25

<https://bit.ly/2025EnrollGATE>



Questions?

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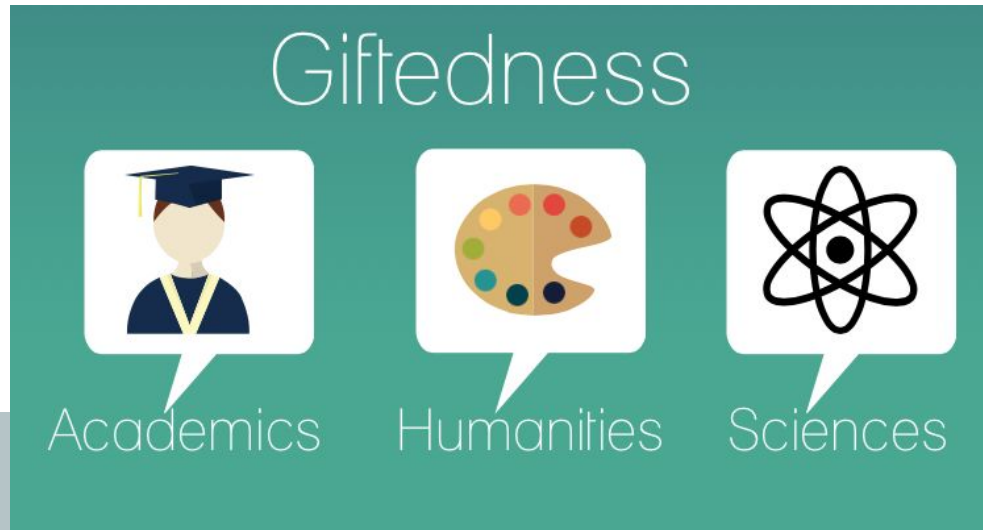
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What is GATE?





Giftedness, intelligence, and talent
are fluid concepts and may look
different in different contexts and
cultures.

-National Association for Gifted Children



What is GATE?

Gifted

- Above-average ability
- High levels of task commitment
- High levels of creativity

Talent

- Talent can be developed in an area of giftedness
- High-ability

Renzulli, 1996, 2006



WHY GATE?

Gifted students have different needs

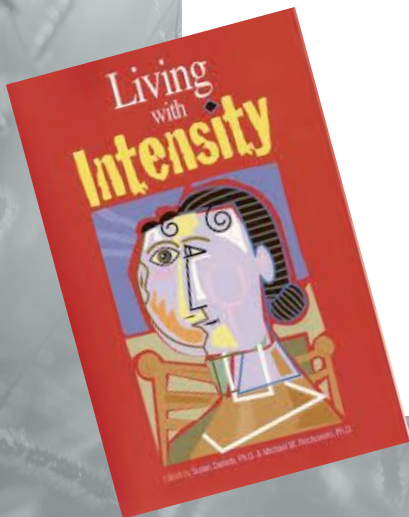


Characteristics of a Gifted Child

- Greater potential to learn
- Learns faster and with less repetition
- Some concepts will come easier
- Other concepts will be challenging
- Areas of strength and challenge
- Highly focused in areas of interest

Characteristics of a Gifted Child

- Intensities/Over-excitabilities
 - Psychomotor
 - Sensual
 - Intellectual
 - Imaginational
 - Emotional



DABROWSKI SENSITIVITIES

PSYCHOMOTOR OVEREXCITABILITY



THE MANIFESTATIONS OF PSYCHOMOTOR EXCITABILITY ARE ESSENTIALLY OF TWO KINDS: SURPLUS OF ENERGY AND NERVOUSNESS. IN NERVOUSNESS, THE EMOTIONAL TENSION IS TRANSLATED INTO PSYCHOMOTOR ACTIVITY SUCH AS TICS, NAIL BITING, OR IMPULSIVE BEHAVIOR. THE SURPLUS OF ENERGY CAN BE OBSERVED IN ANIMATED GESTURES AND TAKING ON SELF-IMPROVEMENT TASKS.

SENSUAL OVEREXCITABILITY

SENSUAL OVEREXCITABILITY IS EXPRESSED IN HEIGHTENED EXPERIENCING OF SENSORY PLEASURES AND IN SEEKING SENSUAL OUTLETS FOR INNER TENSION. OTHER MANIFESTATIONS OF SENSUAL OVEREXCITABILITY INCLUDE MARKED INTEREST IN CLOTHES AND APPEARANCE, FONDNESS OF JEWELRY AND ORNAMENTS.



INTELLECTUAL OVEREXCITABILITY



THE MANIFESTATIONS OF INTELLECTUAL OVEREXCITABILITY ARE ASSOCIATED WITH AN INTENSIFIED AND ACCELERATED ACTIVITY OF THE MIND. ITS STRONGEST EXPRESSIONS HAVE MORE TO DO WITH STRIVING FOR UNDERSTANDING, PEOBING THE UNKNOWN, AND LOVE OF TRUTH THAN WITH LEARNING PER SE OR ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENT.

IMAGINATIONAL OVEREXCITABILITY

THE PRESENCE OF IMAGINATIONAL OVEREXCITABILITY CAN BE INFERRED FROM FREQUENT DISTRACTION, WANDERING ATTENTION, AND DREAMING. THESE OCCUR AS CONSEQUENCE OF FREE PLAY OF THE IMAGINATION. HERE, TOO, BELONG ILLUSIONS, ANIMISTIC THINKING, EXPRESSIVE IMAGE AND METAPHOR, INVENTION AND FANTASY.



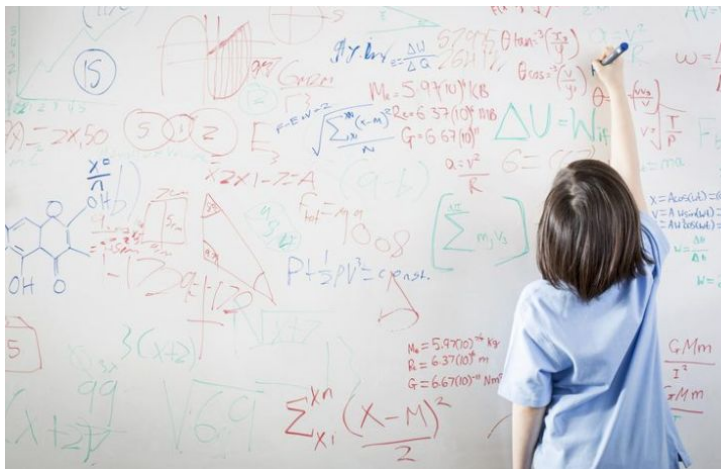
EMOTIONAL OVEREXCITABILITY



AMONG THE FIVE FORMS OF PSYCHIC OVEREXCITABILITY, THE MANIFESTATIONS OF EMOTIONAL OVEREXCITABILITY ARE THE MOST NUMEROUS. THEY INCLUDE CERTAIN CHARACTERISTIC AND EASILY RECOGNIZABLE SOMATIC EXPRESSIONS, EXTREMES OF FEELING, INHIBITION, STRONG AFFECTIVE MEMORY, CONCERN WITH DEATH, ANXIETIES, FEARS, FEELINGS OF GUILT, AND DEPRESSIVE AND SODIAL MOODS.



Characteristics of a Gifted Child



- Asynchronous development
 - Physical
 - Emotional
 - Intellectual
 - Judgment



Characteristics of a Gifted Child

- What Gifted DOESN'T mean...
 - Everything will be easy
 - No struggles or challenges
 - School will be effortless
 - They don't need help
 - Gifted \neq eminence, success, achievement



GATE IDENTIFICATION

How do students qualify?



Fullerton School District GATE Identification

- **Universal Screening 2nd Grade**

- Test of Verbal, Quantitative, and Nonverbal Cognitive Ability
- Multiple Pathways

- **3rd-7th Grade Screening by Referral**

- Test of Verbal, Quantitative, and Nonverbal Cognitive Ability
- Multiple Pathways

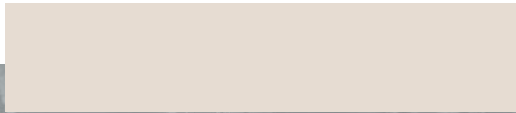




Fullerton School District GATE Identification

- **Why Multiple Pathways?**

- Best practices
- Not one day/time or one test score
- Students show strengths in different ways
- Look for data trends / triangulate data
- Use of local norms





Fullerton School District GATE Identification

General Intellectual Ability or High Achievement

- Cognitive Abilities
- Use of local norms
- State and district achievement criteria
- Gifted Characteristics
- Creativity Test
- Rapid Language Acquisition
- Multiple Pathways



Fullerton School District GATE Identification

Multi-Dimensional

- Use of local norms
- State and district achievement criteria
- Creativity
- Rapid Language Acquisition
- Portfolio
- Observations
- Multiple Pathways

**This category is provided to ensure equal opportunity for students from varying linguistic, economic and/or cultural backgrounds and for students with learning disabilities. Students are evaluated according to a combination of factors.





GATE Placement Options

Home School Cluster

- All sites
- Clustered with GATE peers
- GATE trained teacher
- Focus on challenging curriculum and development of GATE attributes
- Benefit of staying at home school

GATE-Designated Site

- 6 Sites
- Grouped with GATE and High Achieving peers
- GATE certificated teacher
- Focus on challenging curriculum and development of GATE attributes

Both options have benefits



Special Programs

Dual Language Academy

- GATE Students encouraged to continue with DLA
- Clustered with GATE peers
- GATE trained teacher
- Focus on challenging curriculum and development of GATE attributes
- Benefit of continuing with Dual Language program

Multi-Age

- GATE Students encouraged to continue with Multi-Age Program
- Clustered with GATE peers
- GATE trained teacher
- Focus on challenging curriculum and development of GATE attributes
- Benefit of continuing in Multi-Age

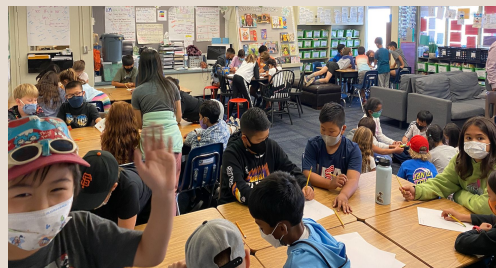
The best of both worlds



Acacia Elementary



- California Distinguished School 2018, 2020, 2023
- National Blue Ribbon School 2019
- Educational Results Partnership Honor Roll 2019, 2020
- PBIS Platinum Recognition 2021, 2022, 2023, 2024
- All Teachers TK-6th GATE Certified
- Cotsen School 2014, 2015, 2016, 2017, 2018
- Digital Citizenship Certified School, 1:1 iPads TK-6th
- STEAM Lab
- Diverse student population - 50% transfer in rate
- Speech and Debate
- GATE activities across grade levels, big/little buddies, Poetry Fest
- Readers and Writers Workshop, Novel Studies, Junior Great Books
- CGI, ALEKS
- Focus on the whole child
- Intervention and Enrichment opportunities
- Art, Music, Guitar, Robotics, PE, Choir
- STAGES Performing Arts
- Strong Parent Support through our PTA and Foundation,
 - The Acacia Partnership



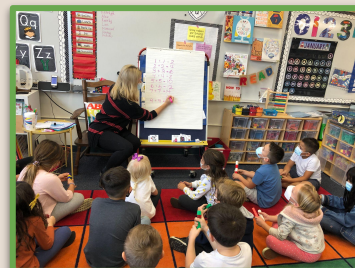


Golden Hill

School for Creative & Performing Arts

WHERE EVERY CHILD IS
A MASTERPIECE

- ◆ Whole brain (child) teaching
 - ◆ Utilize the right brain to access deeper levels of thinking in the left brain
- ◆ Nationally recognized “Best Schools for Music Education”
- ◆ Digital Citizenship Certified School
- ◆ 1:1 iPads in TK-6th
- ◆ High Reliability School: Level 1 and 2 certified
- ◆ PBIS Platinum School Recognition 2024
 - ◆ PBIS Gold School Recognition 2023
 - ◆ PBIS Silver School Recognition 2022
- ◆ All teachers K-2 Orton-Gillingham (Phonics) certified
- ◆ Arts Integrated teaching TK-6 in all subjects
- ◆ Music instruction by credentialed music teacher (Entire year)
- ◆ Project Based Learning / Process Over Product
- ◆ Speech and Debate
- ◆ Film Festival
- ◆ Intervention supports
- ◆ Grade level performances
- ◆ Real world immersive experiences (Field trips)
- ◆ Team Golden Hill
 - ◆ PTA and Golden Hill Education Foundation





Hermosa Drive Elementary

Awards & Honors:

- CA Distinguished School - 2023
- GATE Designated School since 1980
- High Reliability School- Levels 1, 2 & 3
- CA Gold Ribbon School
- PBIS- Platinum Award (2019, 2021, 2022, 2023, 2024)
- America's Healthiest Schools- Silver, Digital Citizenship
- Cotsen School (2021-2025)

Programs & Enrichment:

- Focus on the Whole Child (Academics and Social Emotional)
- High Levels of Parent Engagement
- Math Enrichment: Math Olympiad, Rubik's Cube Challenge, Math Kangaroo, Cognitively Guided Instruction (CGI) in Math
- Sports Broadcasting, Film Fest
- Robotics, Drones, Green Screen Film Production, eSports
- Coding (Code.org, Coder Z, Kodable), S.T.E.A.M. Integration, 1:1 iPad access
- Inquiry Based Learning & Project Based Learning
- Writers Workshop School, Junior Great Books & Novel Studies
- Garden Club, Kindness Club, STAGE - Performing Arts Education (Grades 3-6), Speech & Debate Team, Kids Run the OC & After School Sports



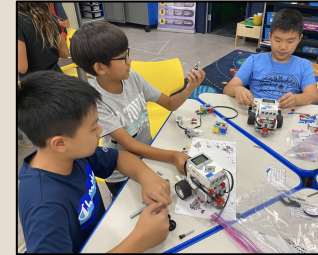


Laguna Road Elementary



Awards and Honors:

- National Blue Ribbon School
- California Distinguished School
- Gold Ribbon Award
- Golden Bell Award
- California Honor Roll
- Digital Citizenship Certified
- PBIS Platinum School
- Cotsen School
- HRS Level 1 and 2



Programs and Enrichment:

- 1:1 iPads in TK-6th
- Award Winning Performing Arts
- Project Impact and STEAM Program
- Enrichment Opportunities
- Personalized Learning, Responsive and Differentiated Instruction
- Robotics, Speech Team, Friday Night Live, Laguna Road Choir, Math Field Day, eSportes, Hockey Team, Congressional App Challenge, Korean Dual Language, Theater Class, Buddy Classes, Street Hockey, Ukulele





Richman Elementary



- 2020 #1 Public Elementary School in Orange County from OC Parenting Magazine
- Golden Bell Award
- Digital Citizenship Certified
- PBIS Gold School
- Cotsen School ('19- '21)

Programs and Enrichment:

- 1:1 iPads in TK-6th
- STAGE Musical Theatre
- STEAM Lab: 3D Printing, Robotics, Video Production w/Green Screen, Drones, Coding, Hopscotch
- 21st Century School Library
- Jr. Great Books & Novel Studies
- Reader's/Writer's Workshop/Genius Hour
- Eureka Math, Reflex, ALEKS
- Speech & Debate Team, Hockey Team, Congressional App, Writer's Guild, E-Sports, Chess, Richman Broadcast News Team





Sunset Lane Elementary

*At Sunset Lane,
there is
something for
everyone!*



- California Distinguished School 2002, 2010, 2023
- California Gold Ribbon School 2016
- High Reliability School Level 1 Certification 2018
- High Reliability School Level 2 Certification 2020
- High Reliability School Level 3 Certification 2021
- PBIS Platinum Award 2016, 2018, 2019, 2021, 2022, 2023, 2024
- Community Cares Award 2020
- Cotsen School 2022, 2023, 2024, 2025
- ERP Honor Roll 2024
- Digital Citizenship Certification
- Focus on the whole child - academics, behavior, and social-emotional
- Focus on inclusion - Sensory Room
- Supportive PTA and Foundation - Team Seahawk!



- Project Based Learning, Genius Hour, Passion Projects
- GATE Specific Events: Family events like Poetry and Pastries/Pizza
- Robotics, Coding, Congressional App Challenge, Film Festival, STEAM
- Math Olympiad, STAGE Performing Arts, Hockey, Speech and Debate, Junior Olympics, 1:1 iPads
- Junior Great Books/Novel Studies
- Intervention and enrichment opportunities for all students
- Readers'/Writers' Workshop, CGI





FSD GATE Teachers



Training

GATE trained teachers at every FSD school site

FSD GATE Certificate program

- 2 year program

Collaboration

5 GATE Collaborations each year

OCC GATE Collaborative

GATE Conferences

Academy

Teachers at Saturday Academies

Mentor teachers at Summer Academy



**Fullerton School District
Gifted and Talented Education (GATE)
Orientation Schedule**



**Welcome to GATE
Parent Orientation Meeting
Fullerton School District**

Tuesday, January 28, 2025 5:00-6:00 pm	Fullerton School District Educational Learning Center 1401 W. Valencia Drive
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This information meeting will cover what GATE identification means, placement options, and a GATE program overview. Parents may attend this meeting as well as the site meetings to identify the best placement option for their child. The GATE Parent Organization will also be available to provide a parent perspective.

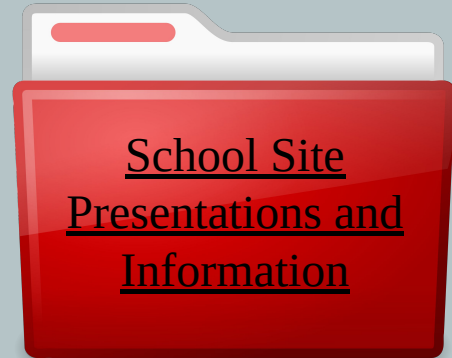
GATE Designated Schools

Schools	Orientation Date & Time	Location
Acacia Acacia, Commonwealth, *Fisler, *Maple, Raymond, *Rolling Hills, *Woodcrest	Wednesday, February 5, 2025 9:00 - 10:00 am	1200 N. Acacia Avenue (Meet in MPR, then tour GATE classrooms)
Golden Hill Fern Drive, Golden Hill, *Orangethorpe, *Pacific Drive, *Valencia Park	Tuesday, February 4, 2025 3:30 - 4:30 pm	732 Barris Drive
Hermosa Drive Beechwood, Hermosa Drive, *Fisler, *Rolling Hills	Monday, February 3, 2025 4:00 - 5:00 pm	400 E. Hermosa Drive (Meet in Room 4)
Laguna Road Laguna Road	Monday, February 3, 2025 9:00 - 10:00 am	300 Laguna Road (Meet in the MPR, then tour GATE classrooms)
Richman *Maple, *Orangethorpe, *Pacific Drive, Richman, *Valencia Park, *Woodcrest	Wednesday, February 12, 2025 9:00 - 10:00 am	700 S. Richman Ave (Meet in MPR)
Sunset Lane Sunset Lane	Thursday, February 6, 2025 3:30 - 4:30 pm	2030 Sunset Lane

Students attending their approved Designated GATE School need not apply annually during the Open Enrollment window. If another Designated School is requested, placement will be dependent upon space availability. Families will need to apply for an Intradistrict Transfer, and continue to do so yearly.
*Depending on enrollment numbers

GATE Cluster Schools

Please contact the principal of your home school to discuss the cluster opportunities available.
GATE Clusters: Beechwood, Commonwealth, Fern Drive, Robert C. Fisler, Maple, Orangethorpe, Pacific Drive, Raymond, Rolling Hills, Valencia Park, and Woodcrest





GATE Designated Schools

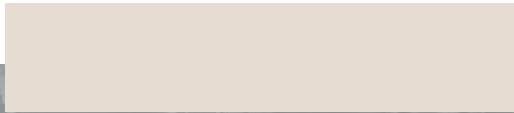
Home School GATE-Identified students may remain at home school.	Designated GATE School
Acacia, Commonwealth, *Fisler, *Maple, Raymond, *Rolling Hills, *Woodcrest	Acacia
Golden Hill, Fern Drive, *Orangethorpe, *Pacific Drive, *Valencia Park	Golden Hill
Beechwood, *Fisler, Hermosa Drive, *Rolling Hills	Hermosa Drive
Laguna Road	Laguna Road
Maple, Orangethorpe, Pacific Drive, Richman, Valencia Park, Woodcrest	Richman
Sunset Lane	Sunset Lane
*Space availability depending on enrollment numbers	





GATE Placement Options: Junior High

- Honors programs offered at each Junior High School site
- Placement in Honors is based on a placement test for each class
- GATE students grouped together in ELA class
- Honors/GATE/PreAP in ELA, Math, Science, and Social Studies





What does a GATE Classroom Look Like?





Depth

Students are encouraged to become experts in a given area through the exploration and development of complex thinking.



Language
of the
Discipline



Details



Patterns



Rules



Trends



Unanswered
Questions



Ethics



Big Idea



Complexity

Students explore the connections and relationships between concepts and ideas across all curricular areas.



Over Time



Multiple Perspectives

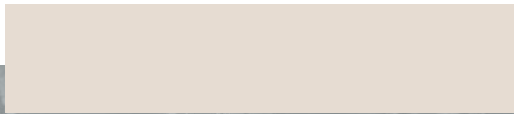


Across Disciplines



Curriculum Compacting

Students move through curriculum at a quick pace and are not required to “learn” material that they have already mastered.

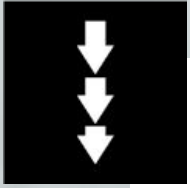




Novelty

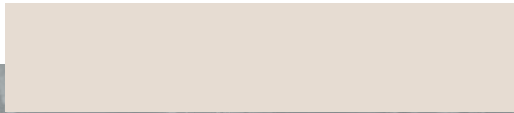
Unique and original expressions of student understanding

Students express their creativity through original projects that challenge their thinking in new and unusual ways.



Enrichment

Project Based Learning, extensions of curriculum, deeper and more robust focus on areas of interest.



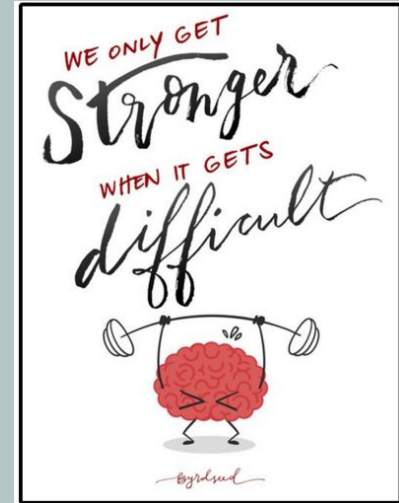
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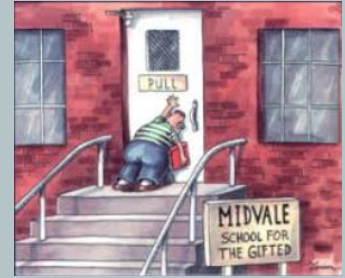
- Talk with your child about Giftedness
 - Positive self-identity
 - Empathy
 - Passion
 - Pride
 - Sense of community
 - Support and Love
 - Advocate
 - Balance





My Child is GATE... Now What?

- Talk with your child about Giftedness
 - Limits and guidelines
 - Choice
 - Avoid Comparisons
 - Natural consequences
 - Humor
 - Acceptance
 - Self-Regulation
 - Risk Taking
 - Kindness and Compassion



WHAT IF I FAIL?

	FAILURES	SUCCESSES
MANY ATTEMPTS	### ### ### ### ### ### ### ### ### ### ### ###	###
NO ATTEMPTS	NONE	N/A

MICHELLE RIAL



Growth Mindset / Positivity

Instead of...

- Nosy
- Anxious
- Wild
- Loud
- Obsessed
- Argumentative
- Bossy

Try this...

- Curious
- Cautious
- Energetic
- Enthusiastic
- Passionate
- Opinionated
- A Leader



FSD GATE Website Resources

www.fullertonsd.org/GATE or <https://www.fullertonsd.org/Page/1558>



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FSD HOME

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TRANSLATE

Gifted and Talented Education (GATE)

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Gifted and Talented Education (GATE)

GATE Mission Statement

The Fullerton School District is committed to supporting gifted students from all racial, ethnic, socioeconomic, and cultural backgrounds. We believe that our gifted students develop to their full potential when their special strengths, interests, and abilities are identified and supported throughout their lives. We are committed to providing unique, differentiated, in-depth, complex, and accelerated opportunities to develop the gifts and talents in our GATE students.

 [California GATE Standards](#)



[Contact GATE Office](#)

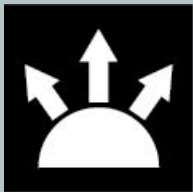
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 [GATE Student Information](#)



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GATE Saturday Talent Academies

Fullerton School District **GATE** GATE Office

SATURDAY TALENT ACADEMIES

LEADERSHIP FOR THE FUTURE

CREATIVITY, INNOVATION, & EXPLORATION

9/28/24 CREATIVE LEADERSHIP Explore leadership through creative, innovative activities.	11/2/24 INNOVATION & INVENTION Enjoy creative and innovation-inspired challenges and activities.	2/1/25 COLLABORATIVE PROBLEM SOLVING Creatively solve fun and engaging problems as a team.	3/8/25 LEADERSHIP THROUGH SERVICE Learn how the most effective leaders serve their community creatively.	5/3/25 CREATIVE EXPRESSION Explore different ways to express creativity as a team.
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SATURDAYS 8:00 AM-12:00 PM HERMOSA DRIVE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

GATE Saturday Talent Academies are open to FSD GATE Students in grades 3-8.
Registration Lottery will open two weeks prior to the Academy.

office_GATE@myfsd.org 714-447-7448 <https://bit.ly/AcademiesGATE>

FULLERTON SCHOOL DISTRICT GATE OFFICE
GATE TALENT ACADEMY

CREATIVE LEADERSHIP

- SATURDAY, SEPT. 28**
- 8:00 AM-12:00 PM**
- HERMOSA DRIVE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL**
- 400 E. HERMOSA DRIVE**

GATE students, grades 3-8 will explore leadership through creative, innovative activities with their peers from across district.

REGISTRATION INFORMATION:
Registration Lottery opens Monday, September 16 at noon and stays open for 48 hours. Families will be notified of lottery status by Friday, October 4.

FULLERTON SCHOOL DISTRICT
GATE SATURDAY TALENT ACADEMY

INNOVATION & INVENTION

Empowering Young Leaders Through Innovation & Creativity

GATE students in grades 3-8 will enjoy creativity and innovation through a series of challenges and activities in which they practice leadership and teamwork skills.

Fullerton School District
GATE SATURDAY TALENT ACADEMY

Collaborative Problem Solving

Registration Lottery opens Monday, Oct. 21 at noon and stays open for 48 hours. Families will be notified of lottery status by Friday, Oct. 25. <https://bit.ly/1102GATEAcad>

CREATIVITY
Students will find creative solutions to fun problems

COLLABORATION
Teamwork is the name of the game!

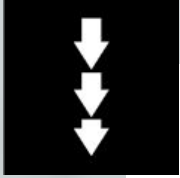
PUZZLES
Entertaining & engaging puzzles and activities!

Registration
Registration Lottery opens Tuesday, Jan. 21 at noon and stays open for 48 hours. Families will be notified of lottery status by Friday, Jan. 24. <https://myfsd.com/gates>

Saturday, Feb. 1, 2025
8:00 am - 12:00 pm

Information: office_gate@myfsd.org

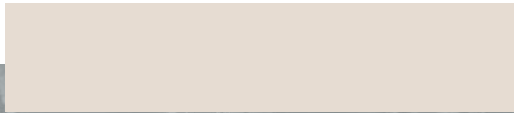


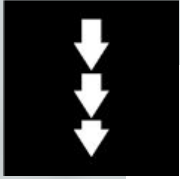


GATE Parent Organization (GPO)

Participation and Committee Involvement

Interest in participating and/or helping lead and plan go to <https://bit.ly/GPOInvolvement>

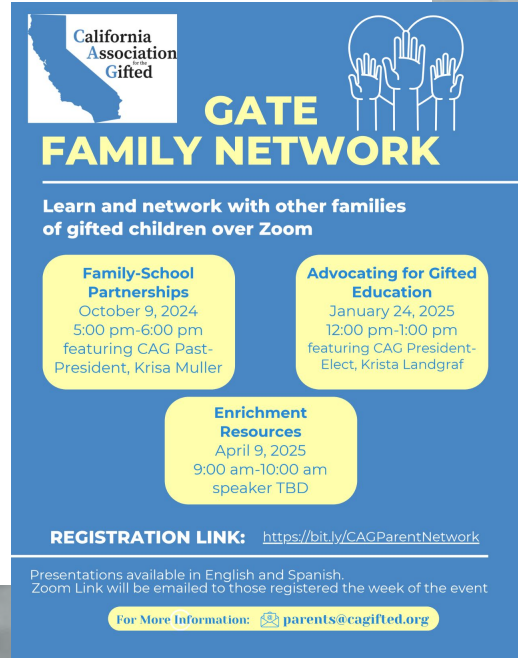
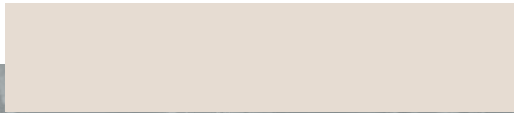




California Association for the Gifted (CAG) GATE Family Network

Webinars and Mini-Conference

Registration Link for information



The poster features the California Association for the Gifted logo (a map of California) and the GATE Family Network logo (hands forming a heart). It lists three events: Family-School Partnerships (Oct 9, 2024), Advocating for Gifted Education (Jan 24, 2025), and Enrichment Resources (Apr 9, 2025). A registration link is provided at the bottom.

California Association for the Gifted

GATE FAMILY NETWORK

Learn and network with other families of gifted children over Zoom

Family-School Partnerships October 9, 2024 5:00 pm-6:00 pm featuring CAG Past-President, Krisa Muller	Advocating for Gifted Education January 24, 2025 12:00 pm-1:00 pm featuring CAG President-Elect, Krista Landgraf
Enrichment Resources April 9, 2025 9:00 am-10:00 am speaker TBD	

REGISTRATION LINK: <https://bit.ly/CAGParentNetwork>

Presentations available in English and Spanish.
Zoom Link will be emailed to those registered the week of the event

For More Information: parents@cagifted.org

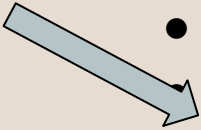




Forms and next steps



- Submit Enrollment Form by February 14, 2025
- Enrollment Form is Case-Sensitive: <https://bit.ly/2025EnrollGATE>
- Contact Office GATE@myfsd.org or call 714-447-7448 with questions
- Space availability



If you request your designated GATE Site, it will now become your child's HOME SCHOOL

- If you select a school that is NOT your designated GATE School:
 - Enrollment is dependent on space availability annually
 - Must apply for Intradistrict Transfer annually
- March 14-Notifications mailed

Home School	Designated GATE School
Acacia, Commonwealth, *Fisler, *Maple, Raymond, *Rolling Hills, *Woodcrest	Acacia
Golden Hill, Fern Drive, *Orangethorpe, *Pacific Drive, *Valencia Park	Golden Hill
Beechwood, *Fisler, Hermosa Drive, *Rolling Hills	Hermosa Drive
Laguna Road	Laguna Road
Maple, Orangethorpe, Pacific Drive, Richman, Valencia Park, Woodcrest	Richman
Sunset Lane	Sunset Lane

GATE Identified students may decide to remain in attendance at their home school.



Questions?

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