

ACTIVITIES AVAILABLE TO GATE STUDENTS

Here are some activities that are available for your child's enrichment:

- Band
- Oral Language Faire
- District Writing Contest (3rd & 6th Grades)
- Field Trips
- Pre-Algebra (6th only)
- Academic Talent Search - CSU Sacramento (6th only)
- District Spelling Bee
- DOLCHE - Filmmaking Club
- GATE project (alternates every year between - Science Fair; Invention Convention; Family Math Night; or Wax Museum)
- Art Class (Rembrandts)
- Choir (Mixer)

Joseph Sims Elementary School



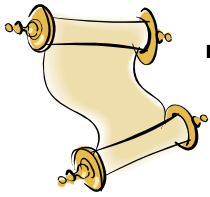
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Gifted & Talented Education (GATE)





The GATE Program

Joseph Sims Elementary provides self-contained GATE/Accelerated classes from grades 4 - 6 on A track and cluster classes from grades 4 - 6 on D Track. Your GATE child has the option to remain in a regular classroom and be serviced by the regular classroom teacher through differentiated instruction. For school-wide GATE activities, the grade level GATE/Accelerated teacher will invite your child to participate.



GATE Identification

A student in the Elk Grove Unified School District can begin the process of getting GATE Identified by **first** getting a recommendation from his/her teacher **and** meeting one of the two options below.

- 1) Naglieri Nonverbal Ability Test (NNAT) - Your child has to be referred to take this test. He/She must receive a Stanine score of 9 to get GATE Identification. Please see the next section for qualification information.

OR

- 2) Attaining 4 points on the GATE Matrix. Below are the areas your child can earn points:
 - CST Scores** - ADV = 1pt
 - Top 2% of district = 2pts
 - NNAT Stanine of 8** = 1pt
 - 3.5 GPA or Higher** = 1pt
 - Equity Factor** = 1pt
 - i.e. English Language Learner, Socio- economically disadvantaged, or active IEP
 - Academic or Creative Leadership** = 1pt
 - Requires documentation



NNAT - Naglieri Nonverbal Ability Test

This test is administered at the district office 3 times a year on a Saturday. It is a 30 minute test that contains no words. Questions are leveled towards your child's age on testing date. Your child may only re-take this test one time and must wait at least one year before taking it again. The test is scored in Stanines from 1 to 9. A score of 9 identifies him/her as GATE. Your child must be referred to take this test. Your child's teacher will have the appropriate forms to fill out for a referral.

Requirements to take the NNAT:

****FIRST:** Teacher recommendation based on Gifted Characteristics Rating Scale - minimum 5 checks**
AND

- 1) Student must score Advanced in both Language Arts and Mathematics in the most recent test

Or

- 2) Student must score Advanced in one subject area - Language Arts or Mathematics for two of the last three years - one score must include the most recent test.