



GATE Cluster and Seminar Program Summary 2019-2020

GATE Cluster: 25% of each **GATE Cluster Class** identified in PowerSchool (e.g. E3_G.4, or 1501C_2.0) is comprised of students identified as GATE Cluster; the remainder of the students in the class **must** reflect the diversity of the school’s population.

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GATE Seminar: A minimum 50% of each class identified as **Seminar** in PowerSchool (e.g. E3_H.4, or 1520S_2.1) is comprised of students identified as GATE Seminar; the remainder of the students in the class are identified as GATE Cluster.

According to your site’s Assignment Book, are there teachers at your school site who are not District GATE Certified but are teaching a GATE Cluster class for this school year? Yes No

Has a waiver been completed for these teachers? Yes No

How do the GATE Cluster classroom teachers identify academic skill levels and provide direct instruction, interventions, and/or acceleration for students identified as GATE Cluster?

Numerous strategies and enrichment activities are employed to challenge all of our students, including those identified as GATE. Some of these strategies and enrichment activities include:

- Inquiry based learning
- Pre-assessments to determine students’ needs
- Cooperative group learning
- Tiered assignments
- Group projects that encourage cooperation, leadership and creativity
- Author studies

- Problem solving
- Interactive social studies curriculum

In addition to mastery of CCSS, what are your GATE program goals?

- A stimulating and challenging environment that provides a differentiated curriculum focusing on greater depth, pacing, complexity, and novelty as an integral part of the school day.
- Effective communication and articulation between the school, home and community via EdConect, e-mail, website, newsletters and brochures.
- Integrated learning experiences through interdisciplinary units.
- Development of skills in using technology.
- Opportunities for students to develop and nurture interpersonal and social skills.
- A comprehensive, research-based staff development program for teachers and parents that supports the academic, social, and emotional needs of advanced learners.
- Service to GATE identified students as well as all students with recognized gifted potential.
- Intentional enrollment of students from under-represented populations within GATE-Cluster classrooms.
- A Site GATE Team made up of the administrator, GATE Team Leader, teachers, parents, counselors and community members that meets periodically throughout the school year to discuss issues relevant to Gifted Education.
- Other: _____

What curriculum modifications are implemented to provide depth, complexity, and novelty within your GATE Seminar classes?

- The use of formal and informal assessments before, periodically during, and after each unit of study to determine level of differentiation of instruction.
 - Once levels of performance are evaluated, teachers determine appropriate balance of direct instruction, student driven inquiry and meaningful rigorous extension work.
 - Students grouped by ability in partnerships, small group, and/or whole class lessons based on assessment.
 - Other: _____
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Instruction includes the ongoing use of GATE Best Practices (Check All That Apply):

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Socratic Seminar | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Independent Study |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Icons for Depth and Complexity | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Learning Centers |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Curriculum Compacting | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Alternate Assignments |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Note-Taking Skills | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Tiered Activities |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Challenge Opportunities | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Open Ended Questions |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Problem / Project Based Learning | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Cognitive Demanding Reading and Writing Instruction |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Teaching of Organizational Techniques | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Collaborative Projects / Assignments |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Inquiry Based Instruction | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> High Level Questioning Techniques (Ex. Blooms Taxonomy & DOK) |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Access to Appropriate Leveled Reading | |

Other: _____

What unique activities/ opportunities for student choice and creative expression are made available to students within your GATE Seminar classes?

- Academic Enrichment Activities
- Multi-Level and Multi-Dimensional Curriculum
- Interdisciplinary Study / Projects
- Participation in Academic Contests / Teams
- Leadership Opportunities
- Opportunities to Collaborative with Experts in the Field
- Long Range in Depth Projects
- Additional Opportunities for Published Work
- Lessons Address Supporting Social/Emotional Needs of Students who are Gifted

Other: _____

When are your two 2019-2020 GATE Cluster Parent Meetings scheduled?

Date: 9/13/19	Date: 5/16/20
GATE Program Overview meeting focus: <input type="checkbox"/> Review Site GATE Program & Vision <input type="checkbox"/> Parent Informational Meeting <input type="checkbox"/> GATE Testing Information <input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____	Newly Identified GATE Student meeting focus: <input type="checkbox"/> Review Site GATE Program & Vision <input type="checkbox"/> Parent Informational Meeting <input type="checkbox"/> GATE Testing Information <input type="checkbox"/> Information for Newly GATE Identified Students <input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____

Principal's Signature 

Date 5/17/19



2017-2018 GATE DAC Meeting Schedule

All meetings are held on the second Monday of the month
at the Ballard Parent Center Auditorium from 6:30 – 8:00 p.m.

September 11, 2017

October 9, 2017

November 13, 2017

December 11, 2017 (Steering Committee – all welcome)

January 8, 2018 (Location to be determined)

February 12, 2018

March 12, 2018

April 9, 2018

May 14, 2018

June 11, 2018 (Steering Committee – all welcome)

Childcare and translation services are provided for GATE DAC meetings, except for the meetings on December 11, 2017 and June 11, 2018.