



GATE Cluster Program Summary 2019-2020

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; the remainder of the students in the class **must** reflect the diversity of the school's population.

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| Site: | Walker Elementary <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> | |
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| GATE DAC Representative: | TBD Sept 2019 | Email: |
| Alternate GATE DAC Representative: | TBD Sept 2019 | Email: |

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

N/A

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?

At Walker, all 3rd, 4th, + 5th grade classrooms are GATE cluster, with GATE certified teachers positioned in each classroom. Teachers collaborate weekly to align learning targets and differentiate products. Teachers explore the same material with all students, yet require different outcomes based on students' individual abilities/modality strengths. Teachers use formative + summative assessments, DRA, writing samples, and classroom observations to provide support and push towards acceleration.

Instruction includes the ongoing use of GATE Best Practices (Check All That Apply):

- Socratic Seminar
- Icons for Depth and Complexity
- Curriculum Compacting
- Note-Taking Skills
- Challenge Opportunities
- Problem / Project Based Learning
- Teaching of Organizational Techniques
- Inquiry Based Instruction
- Access to Appropriate Leveled Reading

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- Independent Study
- Learning Centers
- Alternate Assignments
- Tiered Activities
- Open Ended Questions
- Cognitive Demanding Reading and Writing Instruction
- Collaborative Projects / Assignments
- High Level Questioning Techniques
(Ex. Bloom's Taxonomy & DOK)

Other:

In addition to mastery of CCSS, what are your GATE program goals? (Check All That Apply)

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

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| Date: Oct. 18, 2019 | Date: Apr. 24, 2019 |
| GATE Program Overview meeting focus: ___ Introduction of site GATE Team ___ Review Site GATE Program & Vision ___ Parent Informational Meeting ___ GATE Testing Information | Newly Identified GATE Student meeting focus: ___ Review Site GATE Program & Vision ___ Parent Informational Meeting ___ GATE Testing Information |

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| __ Other: <hr/> | __ Information for Newly GATE Identified Students __ Other: <hr/> |
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Principal's Signature Justin R. Kelly Date 5/17/2019