

Gifted and Talented Education

# A Short Guide to the Seminar Program

## Program Description and Resources

### GATE SEMINAR:

Students who meet the multi-criterion standards are identified as a GATE Seminar student. This includes a score in the ability range greater or equal to three standard deviations above the mean, high academic achievement, and characteristics of Gifted students. Seminar students can be atypical learners who may require programs significantly differentiated from the more typical GATE Cluster programs. These classes support students in developing their exceptional potential. The Seminar program is intended to serve varied students who need extraordinarily high-level, advanced and challenging curricular activities; those with extremely high tested ability but low school achievement; or those students who are divergent thinkers and “march to a different drummer.”

### WEB RESOURCES:

- **Supporting the Emotional Needs of the Gifted** [www.sengifted.org](http://www.sengifted.org)
- **California Association for the Gifted** [www.cagifted.org](http://www.cagifted.org)
- **National Association for Gifted Children** [www.nagc.org](http://www.nagc.org)

### SEMINAR IDENTIFICATION:

**CogAT score  
Achievement  
Rating scales  
Factors**

#### FACTORS

- 1. Economic**-eligible for free or reduced lunch.
- 2. Language**-assigned CELDT overall Language Proficiency Level of B, EI or I indicating limited English proficiency
- 3. Special Education**-has an active IEP or 504 Plan
- 4. Relocation**-student has moved schools more than 3 times.
- 5. Underachievement**-characteristics of GATE abilities with underachievement scores.

#### *Meetings for Parents of Newly Identified GATE Students*

Please contact the GATE team leader at your child’s school site, or your child’s school site administrator

For additional resources, please visit the GATE department website [www.sandi.net/GATE](http://www.sandi.net/GATE)

### SEMINAR Classrooms 3-10:

A minimum 50% of each class is comprised of students identified as GATE Seminar; the remaining students in the class are identified as GATE Cluster.

#### Seminar Programs must:

- Offer curriculum that meets or exceeds the Common Core State Standards;
- Differentiate instruction to include acceleration, depth, complexity, and novelty as appropriate;
- Enrich curriculum and instruction through the use of community and technology based resources; and
- Develop students’ interpersonal, organizational, and leadership skills.

### PARENT OPPORTUNITIES:

#### *GATE District Advisory Committee*

Ballard Center Auditorium  
6:30 – 8:00 p.m.  
March 14, April 11, May 9 & June 13, 2016  
(steering committee)

#### *GATE Distinguished Lectures*

Ron A. Beghetto, PhD  
February 29, 2016  
4:30-6:30 PM  
Eugene Brucker Education Center Auditorium  
(flier posted on GATE website)

## Seminar Enrollment Procedures

### RULES GOVERNING SEMINAR ENROLLMENT:

- ❖ A seminar student has **priority** for placement in the Seminar Program within his/her school of attendance high school feeder pattern.
- ❖ If a seminar program does not exist in your school of attendance high school feeder pattern, complete and submit the “Seminar Intent to Enroll” form to the GATE Office by emailing it to [adorman@sandi.net](mailto:adorman@sandi.net) or faxing it to (619) 725-5529.
- ❖ Students must be District Seminar identified.
- ❖ Transportation is not provided for the Seminar Program.

**Important:** Please notify the seminar site(s) and the GATE Office of your child’s intent to participate in the Seminar Program by submitting the “GATE Seminar Intent to Enroll” form prior to the last day of student attendance.

### Seminar Programs by High School Cluster

(Information based on most current information and GATE Seminar Program Summaries submitted to the GATE Office 2014-2015.)

**Clairemont Cluster**  
Clairemont High School  
Marston Middle School

**Crawford Cluster**  
Mann Middle School  
Oak Park Elementary

**Henry Cluster**  
Hearst Elementary  
Henry High School  
Lewis Middle School  
Marvin Elementary

**La Jolla Cluster**  
Muirlands Middle School  
La Jolla Elementary  
La Jolla High School

**Lincoln Cluster**  
Lincoln High School  
Valencia Park ES

**Madison Cluster**  
Hawthorne Elementary  
Innovation Middle School  
Madison High School

**Mira Mesa Cluster**  
Challenger Middle School  
Ericson Elementary  
Mira Mesa High School  
Wangenheim Middle School

**Mission Bay Cluster**  
Mission Bay High School  
Pacific Beach Middle School  
Pacific Beach Elementary

**Morse Cluster**  
Zamorano Elementary

**Point Loma Cluster**  
Dana Middle School 5-6  
Loma Portal Elementary  
Point Loma High School  
Sunset View Elementary

**San Diego Cluster**  
Roosevelt Middle School  
Grant K-8

**Scripps Ranch Cluster**  
Dingeman Elementary  
Marshall Middle School  
Miramar Ranch Elementary  
Scripps Ranch High School

**Serra Cluster**  
De Portola Middle School  
Serra High School

**University City Cluster**  
Spreckels Elementary  
Standley Middle School  
University City High School

*For current information regarding 2015-2016 Seminar Programs, visit the GATE website at [www.sandi.net/GATE](http://www.sandi.net/GATE) and choose the Program Summaries tab on the left side of the page*