



Middle School GATE Cluster Program Summary 2015-2016

25% of each GATE Cluster Class identified in PowerSchool (e.g. 1501C_2.0, or 1520C_2.1) 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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According to your site's Assignment Book, which teacher(s) is/are District GATE Certified and teaching a GATE Cluster class for the 2015-2016 school year? See attached roster

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

Students who are identified GATE/Seminar are placed in Cluster or Seminar classrooms. These classrooms have GATE certified teachers differentiating instruction using depth and complexity, novel ideas, accelerated pace, abstract concepts, independent study, and flexible groupings. Students who exhibit qualities of a gifted student in addition to having high standardized test scores, strong writing skills and counselor/teacher recommendations are also placed in Cluster/Seminar classrooms.

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

Wangenheim Cluster/Seminar teachers' common goals are to cultivate intellectuals who are passionate about real-world, global problems and develop the abilities of our students to analyze and solve those problems. In addition, teachers design cross-curriculum and vertical-grade lessons in order to assist students in gaining proficiency in skills that are needed to succeed in Advanced- Placement classes, for example: primary source analysis, critical thinking skills, note-taking and writing strategies.

When are your two GATE Cluster Parent Meetings scheduled?

Date: 9/29/2015	Date: 5/24/2015
GATE Program Overview meeting focus: How does our GATE program modify and implement Common Core lessons for GATE students.	Newly Identified GATE Student meeting focus: Meet teachers, view student work from various Cluster classes and learn about Wangenheim's GATE program. How we are organized and our program goals.