

G.A.T.E

The Gifted and Talented Education Department of the Orange Unified School District

Only students in grades 2-6 may be referred for GATE evaluation
by either a parent or a teacher.

The criteria for qualification are listed below and are also posted on the GATE website,
<http://www.orangeusd.org/gate/>.

For students in grade 2 (entering grade 3)

Since students in this grade have not received California Standards Test (CST) scores, the following criteria is considered for qualification in second grade. **(All criteria are used—not just the score on the GATE assessment.)**

- Score on a standard school ability assessment ~ Orange Unified uses the Naglieri Nonverbal Ability Test.
- A strong recommendation from the student's current classroom teacher
- Data from the District Language Arts Assessment Notebook (Phonemic Awareness Inventory and Phonics Inventory)
- Scores on District Paced Standards Assessments
- Lexile (determined by either Scholastic Reading Inventory or Accelerated Reader)

For students in grades 3-6 (entering grades 4-7)

There are two categories of identification in these grades as outlined in the State approved GATE Plan.

The first is the "High Intellectual." For a student to be identified in this category, he or she must meet the following criteria:

- A score in the 98th percentile or higher on a standard school ability assessment ~ Orange Unified uses the Otis-Lennon School Ability Test (OLSAT)
- Scores in the "Advanced" band on the California Standards Tests for **both** Language Arts and Mathematics for the most recent year. Numerical minimums can be found on the GATE website.
- A strong recommendation from the student's current classroom teacher

The second is the "High Achievement." For a student to be identified in this category, the following criteria are considered for qualification. **(All criteria are used—not just the score on the GATE assessment.)**

- Score on a standard school ability assessment ~ Orange Unified uses the Otis-Lennon School Ability Test
- High Proficient or higher scores on the California Standards Test (CST) in both Language Arts and Math
- A strong recommendation from the student's current classroom teacher
- Scores on District Paced Standards Assessments
- Lexile (determined by either Scholastic Reading Inventory or Accelerated Reader)

Referral Deadline for 2012 Spring Testing is December 1, 2011.

(Any referrals received after December 1, 2011 will not be accepted.)

If you would like your child to be considered for GATE evaluation, please go to the GATE website for the Parent Referral Form, and follow the directions on the form.

Eligible students are tested in February and March of 2012 at their home school site.

Parents will be notified of the evaluation results by May 2012.

Please contact the GATE office if you have any questions, 714-628-5451
or e-mail at gate@orangeusd.org