

IUSD APAAS Informational Night



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AGENDA

1. Program Overview
2. Application Process
3. Frequently Asked Questions and Answers
4. School Team Introduction Sessions



Advanced Learner Programs Grades 4-6

GATE- Cluster

- At all IUSD Schools
- Group of GATE identified students within class
- Grade level standards

APAAS Class

- At 6 IUSD Schools
- Class of advanced learners
- Grade level standards

GATE Cluster

- Small group of students in mixed ability classroom
- Differentiated instruction through flexible grouping
- Students challenged with depth and complexity



APAAS Class

- Full day program option
- All highly intellectual learners
- Dive deeper into grade level curriculum



APAAS Mission

*APAAS provides an **alternative class option** for the highly capable student **who requires a full day program** to meet his or her unique academic, social and emotional needs. The APAAS instructional approach ensures that the advanced learner is highly engaged in their daily learning while being challenged to reach their maximum potential.*

APAAS Mission

The classroom program:

- ★ Continuously encourages inquiry, exploration and academic rigor.
- ★ Allows for daily collaboration with like-minded peers who have similar, intense and unique interests.
- ★ Offers the freedom, choice and autonomy to create products that go beyond the given parameters.
- ★ Extends learning to a deeper and more complex level of understanding.
- ★ Encourages individual interests within and across the content.



Deciding to apply??!!

- ✓ Is the program a good fit for your child?



APAAS Students

- Learn with great depth
- Are perseverant in their interests
- Enjoy challenges
- Think critically
- Appreciate novel learning opportunities
- Process information in unique ways



Student Qualifications

- Solid Foundation in Reading, Writing and Math
- Capacity to work independently
- Comfortable with both clear expectations and open-ended activities
- Willingness to engage in group discussion
- Commitment to attend school regularly

Deciding to apply??!!

- ✓ Are they happy and challenged in their current school?
- ✓ How will the school transition impact your child and family?
- ✓ What are your expectations of the program?



Application Process

Discuss as
a family

Complete
application
by
Jan. 11

Offers
made
end of
May



Application Information

Eligibility

- Reside within IUSD attendance boundaries and/or attend IUSD school
(Transportation is not provided.)
- Submit application by midnight on January 11
(Changes will not be accepted after submission.)
- Do not need to be GATE identified



Private School Applicants

- Irvine residents not currently enrolled in IUSD may submit an application form
- Proof of residency will be required at time of application
- IUSD may contact the private school to gather additional necessary information
- Students must attend testing date to be considered for the program

Wednesday, January 30, 2019

4:00 p.m.

IUSD Learning Center Room 4



Application Criteria

3rd Grade Applicants

- NNAT3 (Ability Test)
- Star Reading and Math (Fall and Winter)
- Creative Writing Sample
- Divergent Thinking Task
- Learner Characteristics



Application Criteria

4th and 5th Grade Applicants

- Star Reading and Math (Fall and Winter)
- Grades (1st and 2nd Trimester)
- CAASPP Scores (Previous Year)
- Learner Characteristics



Selection and Placement

Process

1. Applicants receive a total score based on individual criteria
2. Each applicant's total score is ranked
3. Program placement is offered in order of score rank
4. Applicant's school choice is considered
5. Students are placed into the program until classes are full

Online Application

1. Visit [IUSD.org](https://www.iusd.org)
2. About- Departments
3. Education Services
4. Gifted and Advanced Learners
5. Elementary School Programs

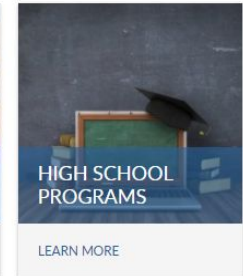
GIFTED AND ADVANCED LEARNERS



IUSD's GATE (Gifted and Talented Education) program is designed to meet the academic, social and emotional needs of advanced learners. Research tells us that gifted children demonstrate outstanding levels of aptitude or achievement in one or more domains while possessing unique and diverse learning characteristics. They often have highly creative abilities, strong memories, and subtle or mature senses of humor.

Some, but not all, gifted students love the learning process and crave knowledge and understanding across a broad spectrum of topics. IUSD's GATE program is committed to providing a comprehensive educational model that meets the diverse and varied needs of each gifted student. IUSD program options serve students in 4th through 8th grades and are grounded in current research and best practices in the field of gifted education.

If you have additional questions after reviewing our Frequently Asked Questions, please email VictoriaVosbigian@iusd.org.



Elementary School Programs

Select APAAS Application Process

APAAS



The APAAS, Alternative Program for Academically Advanced Students, is an elementary school program option for students in 4th through 6th grades. The program is designed to meet the needs of a unique population of highly intellectual learners who consistently prefer creative outlets to demonstrate their understanding of content. Applications for the 2018-2019 school year will be available here on January 25, 2018.

APAAS Information Night ~ Wednesday, January 24, 2018

Time: 6:00 pm - 7:30 pm

Location: Portola High School Theater, 1001 Cadence, Irvine

[2016-2017 APAAS Information Night Presentation](#)

- APPLICATION PROCESS

To be considered for APAAS participation, families who reside within the IUSD attendance boundaries may submit an online application for their student. Criteria considered in the application process include achievement, ability, creativity and learner characteristics components. APAAS application criteria are compiled and compared. Program placement is offered to the highest scoring students in order of score until all classes are filled. This placement process is conducted annually in May and students begin participating in the program in 4th grade at one of six school sites: Brywood, Deerfield, Eastshore, Santiago Hills, Turtle Rock, and Westpark * (the year-round option). * Westpark starts on July 11, 2018. Acceptance into this school is a commitment to begin school on July 11, 2018. The program is designed as a 3-year option; therefore, there are limited spaces for 5th and 6th grade students.

APAAS 2017 application scores can be requested by filling out the form here: [APAAS](#)

** Only available for students who applied to the program between January-February 2017.*

Complete Google Form

Enter student ID
number from



APAAS Application, 2018-19

If you are interested in enrolling your child in the Alternative Program for Academically Advanced Students (APAAS) program, please complete the form below by 11:59 pm on Friday, February 16, 2018.

Please Note: Only one application may be submitted per student. Please carefully check your application as changes are not permitted after submission. Applications will not be accepted after 11:59 pm on February 16, 2018.

Confirmation of APAAS Application will be displayed electronically immediately after the submit button has been clicked. Also, an email confirmation will be sent by February 17th to the email address listed in the application.

*** Required**

Student's First Name: *

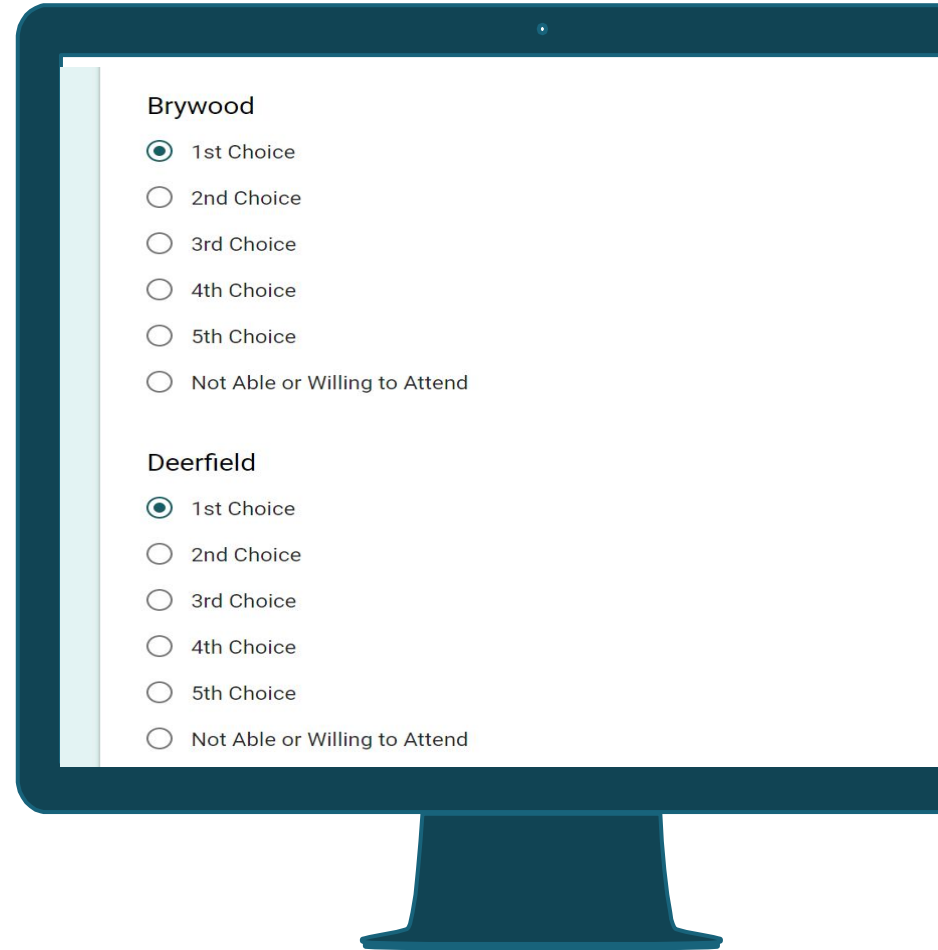
Your answer

Student's Last Name: *

Your answer

School Choices

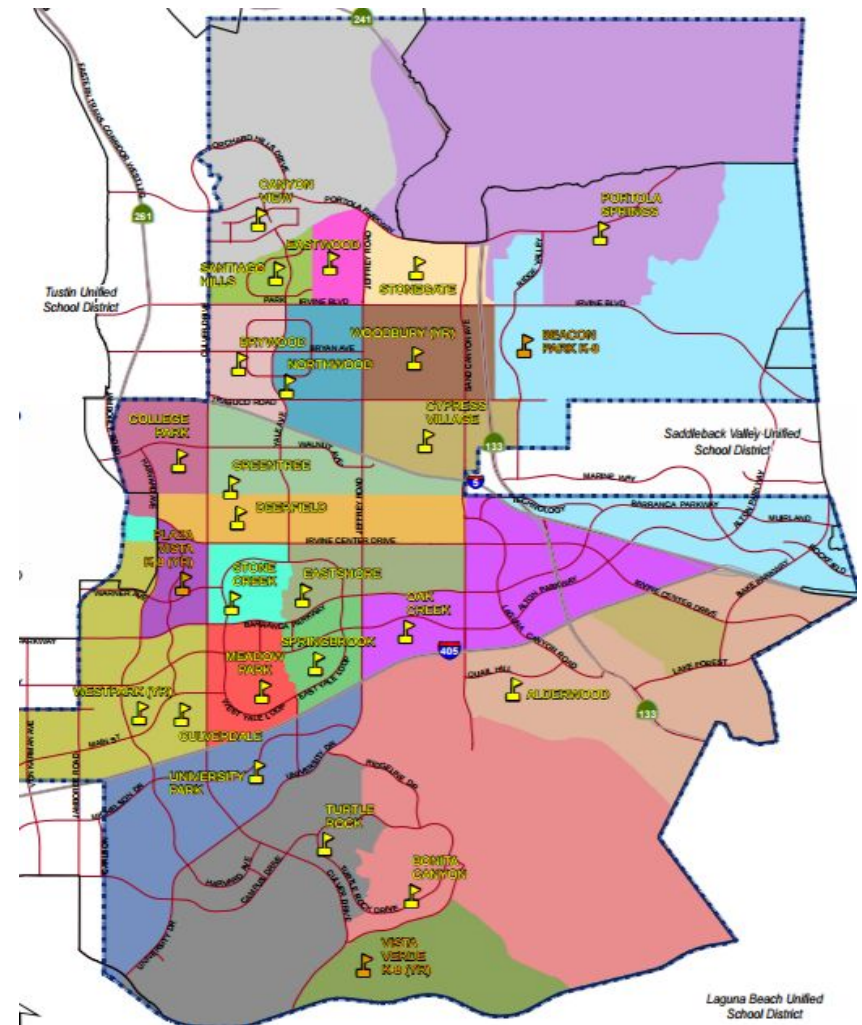
- Can select more than 1 for each “choice”
- Selecting “not able or willing” removes this as an option
- No changes accepted



Geographical Boundaries

Open to all applicants:

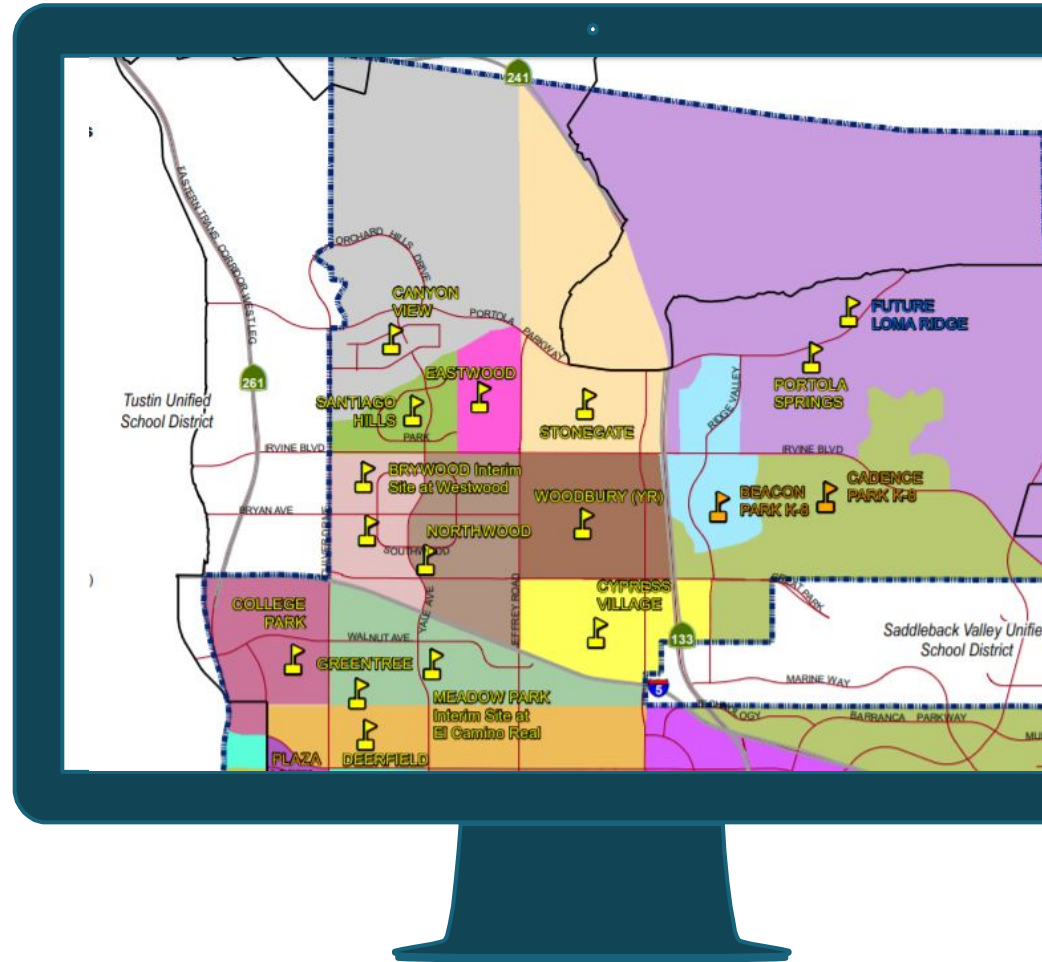
- Brywood
- Deerfield
- Eastshore
- Westpark



Geographical Boundaries

Santiago Hills Open to:

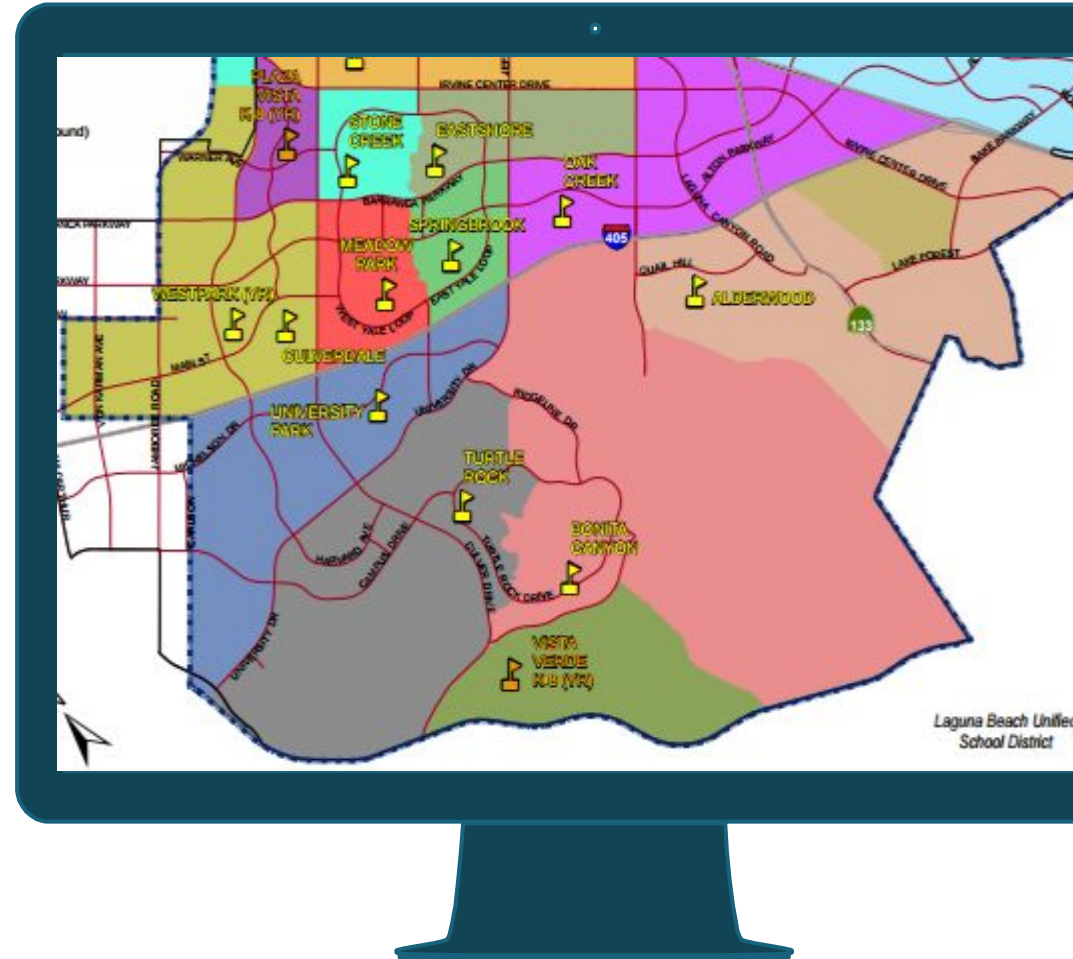
Beacon Park
Brywood
Cadence Park
Canyon View
College Park
Cypress Village
Deerfield
Eastwood
Greentree
Northwood
Portola Springs
Santiago Hills
Stonegate
Woodbury



Geographical Boundaries

Turtle Rock Open to:

Alderwood
Bonita Canyon
Culverdale
Eastshore
Meadow Park
Oak Creek
Plaza Vista
Springbrook
Stone Creek
Turtle Rock
University Park
Vista Verde
Westpark



F.A.Q. #1

Should I apply only to my number 1 school?

It is recommended that you apply to all schools you are willing to attend. Use the ranking feature to show us your preference for placement.

For Example: Brywood 1, Deerfield 2, Eastshore 2, Santiago Hills 2, Westpark 2, Turtle Rock Not able or willing to attend

F.A.Q. #2

Will my student be placed in his/her first choice school?

Each APAAS class is limited to 33 students. Although we do our best to place students in their first choice school, due to multiple factors this is not always possible.

F.A.Q. #3

When and how will I be notified if my student has been selected for APAAS?

Students and parents are notified via email of placement by the end of May. Parents must confirm acceptance of placement via email to finalize the placement.

F.A.Q. #4

If a student does not get placed in APAAS, is there any chance to be placed after May?

If a program spot becomes available after initial offers in May, placement will continue through the first six weeks of the school year. Program offers will be made to the highest scoring students in order of score.

F.A.Q. #5

If I accept a spot at my number 2 school, can I be put on the waiting list for my number 1?

Once you accept a spot, you will not be offered an opportunity to change schools. You can decline the spot and ask to wait for a possible opening at your number 1 school. If a spot does not become available at your number 1 school, you will not be in the APAAS program.

F.A.Q. #6

Once placed in APAAS, must I reapply each year?

No, once a student is participating in the APAAS program, students continue through 6th grade.

THANK YOU.

More
questions?

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Application Process

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Program Model

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APAAS Frequently Asked Questions

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