



IUSD Gifted and Advanced Learners - Transfer Student Policy

Students transferring from outside IUSD who have participated in their previous district's GATE program, must meet the criteria established for IUSD's GATE program. To qualify for placement in IUSD's GATE program, the student must:

1. Provide documentation that the student has already been identified for the GATE program in their previous school

AND

2. Meet one of the following requirements:

- Score in the top 20th Percentile of IUSD (or higher) on SBAC total English-Language Arts *and* total Math
- Score within the Exceeded Standards Range on other U.S. State Standardized Achievement Test
- Score a minimum on Naglieri (NNAT) NAI ≥ 121 (90th Percentile) or Otis Lennon (OLSAT) SAI ≥ 134 (98th Percentile) administered by a School District at grade 3 or higher and prior to enrollment in IUSD.

The above criteria are accepted for students moving into IUSD and provide one-year conditional placement, depending on space availability. Report cards, teacher's recommendation letters, private IQ tests and other subjective evaluations will not be considered as part of the determination. IUSD's annual MCM process will occur during the first year of attendance (4th-5th grade) to determine student eligibility for the following school year. Please note, IUSD's Multiple Criteria Measure (MCM) screening process occurs during 3rd-5th grade.

To expedite the review process, please send GATE-identification records **AND** standardized assessment score reports to IUSD's Advanced Learning Department. You can attach your child's records to an email and send them directly to VictoriaVosbigian@iusd.org or leave them with your school's front office team to forward. After the Director reviews the records, we will send you an email notification of the outcome.

We wish you and your family a pleasant transition into Irvine schools. For further information, please visit our website: <https://iusd.org/departments/gifted-advanced-learners>

Sincerely,

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Director of Advanced Learning & Differentiation

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