CAC - GATE Meeting Summary

Overview of IUSD GATE Screening Process

GATE Multiple Criteria Measure Screening Process
IUSD conducts an annual Multiple Criteria Measure screening process for ALL students in 3rd through 6th grades to identify students for placement in the GATE program. The process takes place automatically for students within the school day and over the course of the school year. Program eligibility is based on the student’s performance across multiple criteria measures (MCM). To qualify, students must score within the top 20% of his/her grade level. Parents are notified of GATE placement in mid-June.

Once a student is placed in the GATE program, this remains a part of the student’s record until graduation. Students will stay in the GATE cluster program through the end of 6th grade. And, all students will have the opportunity to participate in advanced learner programs at the middle and high school levels per each school’s program and placement policy.

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Description of Criteria

Naglieri (NNAT)
This non-verbal, culturally neutral test assesses general ability. It is a nationally normed, multiple choice test that is administered to all students one time in third grade. NAI, Naglieri Ability Index, scores between 90 and 110 are considered to be average. Scores between 111 and 120 are considered high average. Scores between 121 and 130 are considered to be superior. Scores of 131 and above are considered to be very superior.
Grade Point Average (GPA)
The student’s grades in the four major content areas (English, Math, Science and Social Science) are translated to a standard 4 point scale and then an average is calculated.

Otis Lennon School Ability Test (OLSAT)
This nationally normed, multiple-choice test is an optional, fee-based test offered to current IUSD students. If administered by IUSD, it will be considered as one measure of achievement. Families can register for the test on our website in the summer of each year. The OLSAT measures a student's verbal, nonverbal, and quantitative abilities that relate to a student’s academic success in school. The average SAI score is 100. The maximum SAI score is 150.

STAR Reading and Math
STAR is a nationally normed, computer-adaptive subject area test that is administered three times each year to all 1st – 8th grade students. Fall and winter scores are used as criteria measures. Scale scores range from 0 to 1400 and are calculated based on the difficulty of questions presented to a student and the number of correct responses he/she provides.

California Assessment of Student Performance and Progress (CAASPP)
The California State computer adaptive tests and performance tasks assess students in English Language Arts/literacy and mathematics in grades 3-8. Due to the timing of state reporting, scores included in the MCM review are from the student’s previous grade level. Further information on scoring can be found at the California Department of Education website.

Creative Writing Sample
Students are asked to write a creative story in response to a specific prompt. Writing samples are evaluated by IUSD staff for use of language, divergent thought, and idea development across a 4 point rubric. Samples scoring a 0 provided no written response. The minimum score possible for a response is 2. The maximum score possible is 8.
Additional Information

Department Contacts

- Kara Rydman - Coordinator, Gifted and Advanced Learning
- Catherine Holmes - Executive Director, Curriculum and Instruction
- Betty Carroll - IUSD Board Member, GATE Liaison
- Victoria Vosbigian - Administrative Assistant, Gifted and Advanced Learning
- CAC-GATE Board
- School Site Representatives

Parent Resources

- Advanced Learner Website
- GATER Blog

Parent Meetings (all meetings are open to all IUSD parents)

TBD, February 2020
6:30 pm – 7:30 pm
Gifted and Advanced Learner Parent Night, GATE and APAAS overview

TBD, Spring 2020
6:00 pm – 7:30 pm
CAC-GATE Parent Night: Paul Kanarek, College Wise

General GATE Information and Book Club
IUSD’s Learning Center, 3387 Barranca Parkway, Irvine, CA 92606
9:00 am to 10:30 am

Tuesday, October 15, 2019, Room 5
Book Introduction & Overview of IUSD GATE Screening and Program Model

Thursday, December 12, 2019, Room 5
Book Part I Discussion & Overview of APAAS Program and Application Process

Thursday, February 13, 2020, Room 4
Book Part II Discussion & Meet the CAC-GATE Board

Wednesday, April 29, 2020, Room 5
Book Part III Discussion & Moving to Middle School