

September 2015

To the Parent/Guardian of:

«First_Name» «Last_Name» - «Matric»

«Mailing_Address»

«City», «State» «Zip»

Gifted and Talented Education Tucson Unified School District

Dear Parent/Guardian:

The Gifted and Talented (GATE) program invites you to participate in an exciting advanced learning opportunity available to «First_Name» for the 2016/2017 school year. We will be evaluating «First_Name» to determine if he/she qualifies for GATE services. The GATE department uses the Cognitive Ability Test and Raven Progressive Matrices Test which measures language, logical/mathematical, and spatial/puzzle abilities to evaluate students.

You are invited to attend our GATE open houses to learn more about GATE programs in TUSD.

Lineweaver Elementary School	Doolen Middle School
461 S Bryant	2400 N Country Club
September 24 @ 5:30 PM	September 21 @ 6:00 PM

Teachers will be available from our Self-contained and Itinerant programs, along with students sharing their experiences in GATE classes.

Testing will take place during the school day for approximately 2 hours. In November 2015, 3rd through 5th graders will test and in January 2016, Kinder through 2nd graders will test. Flyers containing specific testing dates at your school will be displayed in late October. Testing is offered in the language that best meets the student's needs. Students who qualify are placed in the appropriate GATE program (self-contained or pull-out) based on test results. If «First_Name» is offered placement, as his/her parent/guardian, you have the right to accept or decline GATE placement.

If you <u>do not</u> wish to have «First_Name» evaluated, please inform us no later than <u>October 23, 2015 at 225-3205</u>.

Please see enclosures for more information.

Sincerely,

Frances Banales, Coordinator Gifted and Talented Education

TUSD

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