

APPENDIX V – 3

Pre-GATE Kindergarten Pilot Overview

SY 2016-17

Definition:

The Pre-GATE (Gifted and Talented Education) Kindergarten program pilot supports unique opportunities to identify students using a screening tool to identify and place students in the pre GATE kindergarten classroom and provide a multi-measure for students to be identified as gifted and talented, and thus eligible for GATE services.

Program:

In SY2016-17 the Pre-GATE kindergarten will be located at Roberts Naylor K-8 school. The class will be open to all kindergarten students enrolled in the District and will not have a feeder pattern. Students that complete the pre GATE kindergarten class successfully will be eligible for self-contained or pull-out services for 1st grade and continue in GATE services throughout their enrollment in TUSD.

Based on the success of the pilot, future pre-GATE kindergarten classes will be established at other self-contained GATE school sites based on the feeder pattern.

Screener:

The GATE department staff that attended the Arizona Association of Gifted and Talented (AAGT) Conference collaborated with the Infant and Early Childhood Learning center to create a pre GATE and kindergarten readiness screener. Staff also researched other district and nationally used observation tools to create the pre GATE screener. The screener can be administered one-on-one or two-three students at a time.