

Tucson Unified School District
Gifted & Talented Education (GATE)
Questions & Answers

WHAT IS GATE? - GATE provides services designed to meet the academic needs of gifted students who have potential for high achievement. All students who meet the state and district eligibility criteria will be offered one of the GATE services below:

WHERE ARE GATE SERVICES PROVIDED?

Elementary School – TUSD offers four programs:

- Self-contained students attend full-time, five days per week, at a school that accommodates the feeder pattern of the home school. The self-contained programs are located at Kellond, Lineweaver Roberts/Naylor, Wheeler and White Elementary Schools.
- Dual-Language self-contained students attend full-time, five days per week and instruction is given in both English & Spanish, located at Hollinger K-8 school for grades 1-5.
- Tully Elementary Magnet School Gifted and Talented Program – open access for students through Magnet program, students attend full-time, five days per week, and receive gifted instruction. Program offered district-wide – no feeder pattern.
- GATE Pull-out Itinerant (part-time) services are offered in every elementary school in the district. A GATE teacher is assigned to each elementary school. The primary service is a pull-out program of approximately 90 minutes per week and provides enriched instruction in small group settings.
- Cluster Model provides instruction by Gifted Endorsed teachers in grade levels 1st-5th. Identified GATE students are clustered in a classroom with non-GATE identified students.

Middle School – TUSD offers three programs:

- Self-contained students attend full-time, five days per week, at a school that accommodates the feeder pattern of the home school. The self-contained programs are located at Doolen, Pistor and Alice Vail Middle Schools.
- Pistor Dual-Language Self-contained students attend full-time, five days per week. Program offered district-wide – no feeder pattern.
- GATE Resource (part-time) is available at every middle school. GATE instruction may be provided in core content, core enrichment, or pull out classes.

HOW ARE STUDENTS SELECTED FOR GATE PLACEMENT? Students who meet the state and district established criteria on the GATE assessment are eligible for services. All students are rank-ordered by test results for self-contained placement consideration. Students not participating in the self-contained program due to space availability or declining self-contained placement, may be offered a placement in GATE elementary pull-out or middle school resource at the TUSD school of attendance. Parents must provide permission prior to placement in any self-contained or pull-out program.

DOES THE DISTRICT PROVIDE TRANSPORTATION TO GATE CLASSES? The District provides transportation to self-contained schools for non-neighborhood students within the established GATE feeder pattern that live beyond the walking distance that the district has established.