



GENERAL GUIDELINES FOR GATE TESTING

Gifted and Talented Education (GATE) provides differentiated instruction for students with superior ability and high-level academic performance.

This year all 3rd grade students will have the opportunity to be tested for GATE. The process is automatic and does not require parents to initiate it. Any student whose parents do not want them to participate in testing must submit a typed opt out letter to the GATE Office by no later than January 15, 2017. Letters submitted after the deadline will not be accepted. Testing information was presented to 3rd grade parents during the months of October and November.

Students in grades 4 or 5 who have not been tested in Fremont are automatically offered testing. Those students will be assessed with an ability test during the month of March. A letter will be mailed to the student's home address with an assigned testing session and for parental written permission. Failure to submit the written permission by the deadline specified in the letter will forfeit your child's opportunity to be tested. Nomination of those students is not necessary. If your child is new to the district this year and you have not received any information regarding testing by the end of February, please contact Mr. Schroeder at 510-657-2350 ext. 12325 or at jschroeder@fremont.k12.ca.us.

If you opted out of testing as a 3rd grader and wish to participate as a 4th grader, you need to contact the GATE Office by phone indicating your wish for your child to test. If you opted out of testing as a 3rd grader and wish to participate as a 5th grader, you need to fill out and submit the Parent Nomination Form located on the GATE website. The window to submit the form is November 1, 2016 to January 15, 2017.

For those students in 5th or 6th grade who have been tested and not identified, Teacher and/or Parent Nomination forms are accepted for review under other identification criteria. Additional information and forms are available in your child's school office or may be downloaded from the Gifted and Talented (GATE) Department's website. If you believe your child may require GATE services and is in the 5th or 6th grade, submit a completed nomination form to the GATE Office, 4210 Technology Drive, Fremont CA 94538, **between November 1, 2016 and January 15, 2017. Faxes will not be accepted.**

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