



GIFTED AND ACADEMICALLY TALENTED EDUCATION (GATE)

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SUBJECT: **Nomination Process** for the Gifted and Academically Talented Education (GATE) Program

This is a reminder that nominations for the Gifted and Academically Talented Education (GATE) program will begin this month:

1. Since the GATE program begins in 3rd grade, **all second grade students should be considered for possible eligibility.**
2. **Teachers or any other staff member can initiate the GATE nomination process** for students in grades 2 through 7.
3. **It is better to nominate more students, rather than less.** Please reference the attached documents: “Bright Learners and Gifted Learners” and “Characteristics of High Ability Children.”
4. **English Learners that show growth on the ACCESS of at least 1.0 (ex: improve from a 2.3 to a 3.3) must be nominated; along with students with disabilities that exhibit signs of giftedness.**
5. The screening process will include: teacher observations, state test scores when available, MAP scores, enrollment at a Title I school, free or reduced lunch eligibility, English Language Learner designation, Special Education or Section 504 identification, and cognitive testing
6. A GATE Nomination Packet that includes: 1) the GATE Student Nomination Form; 2) the Parent Authorization for Eligibility Testing Form; and 3) the Teacher Observation Form can be obtained from your school’s GATE Coordinator. The Coordinator can also provide you with the information needed to complete a packet for each student you would like to nominate.

If you have any questions about this process, please contact Joanna Kaiser at 283-1591 or by e-mail at jkaiser@carson.k12.nv.us.