

GATE and Honors Working Group
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Board of Trustees
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GATE

Identification

- Top qualifying students based on performance on the CoGAT.
- CoGAT administered every fall to all current 2nd grade students, as well as any 3rd or 4th grade students who did not take the assessment as 2nd grade students.
- Additional information on potential students based on a survey to be provided to the current teacher and the parents/guardians of the potential student.

Placement

- Self-Contained GATE classes for grades 3,4, and 5 at Standiford Elementary School. Principal of Standiford Elementary School is the GATE Program Administrator.

Recommendation:

- Add an additional GATE location beginning with a 3rd grade class in the 2020-2021 school year, adding a 4th grade class in the 2021-2022 school year, and a 5th grade class in the 2022-2023 school year. In 2019-2020, determine a location, select the teacher, work with current GATE staff for training to be prepared for a successful launch during the 2020-2021 school year.
- Due to the significant structural differences between the GATE program and Honors classes, students who matriculate from 5th grade GATE do not automatically move into a 6th grade Honors class. Students from GATE must meet the criteria for admission into 6th grade Honors.

Middle School Honors

Recommendation:

- Students do not automatically matriculate from Honors in one grade to the next. They must meet the criteria for admissions into Honors each year. Students currently enrolled in 6th or 7th grade Honors classes will be grandfathered in.
- Co-Enrollment is not a requirement. For example, a student may enroll in an Honors Social Studies class without co-enrollment in an Honors Language Arts class, or may enroll in an Honors Science class without co-enrollment in an Honors Math class, provided that the student otherwise meets the criteria listed below.
- A standardized teacher recommendation form has been developed, based on behaviors that have been identified as beneficial for students' success in these classes

- **Grade 6**

Identification and Enrollment

Language Arts

- Score of Exceeds Standards on the Grade 5 Smarter Balanced Assessment (SBAC)
- Score at the highest level on Grade 5 Oral Reading Record (ORR)
- Passing score on the Grade 5 Trimester 3 ELA benchmark, or; another district wide ELA placement assessment
- Assumed enrollment in Grade 6 Honors Social Studies, but not a necessary co-enrollment

Math

- Score of Exceeds Standards on the Grade 5 Smarter Balanced Assessment (SBAC)
- Passing Score on Grade 6 math placement assessment
- Assumed enrollment in Grade 6 Honors Science, but not a necessary co-enrollment

Science

- Must meet the criteria for enrollment in Grade 6 Honors Math, but does not necessarily need to be enrolled in said Math class

Social Studies

- Must meet the criteria for enrollment in Grade 6 Honors Language Arts, but does not necessarily need to be enrolled in said Language Arts class

Grade 7

Identification and Enrollment

Language Arts

- Score of Exceeds Standards on the Grade 6 Smarter Balanced Assessment (SBAC)
- Passing score on Grade 7 Writing placement assessment
- Recommendation by Grade 6 teacher
- Assumed enrollment in Grade 7 Honors Social Studies, but not a necessary co-enrollment

Math

- Score of Exceeds Standards on the Grade 6 Smarter Balanced Assessment (SBAC)
- Passing Score on Grade 7 math placement assessment
- Recommendation by Grade 6 teacher
- Assumed enrollment in Grade 7 Honors Science, but not a necessary co-enrollment

Science

- Must meet the criteria for enrollment in Grade 7 Honors Math, but does not necessarily need to be enrolled in said Math class
- Recommendation by Grade 6 teacher

Social Studies

- Must meet the criteria for enrollment in Grade 7 Honors Language Arts, but does not necessarily need to be enrolled in said Language Arts class
- Recommendation by Grade 6 teacher

Grade 8

Identification and Enrollment

Language Arts

- Score of Exceeds Standards on the Grade 7 Smarter Balanced Assessment (SBAC)
- Passing score on Grade 8 Writing placement assessment
- Recommendation by Grade 7 teacher
- Assumed enrollment in Grade 8 Honors Social Studies, but not a necessary co-enrollment

Math

- Score of Exceeds Standards on the Grade 7 Smarter Balanced Assessment (SBAC)
- Passing Score on Grade 8 math placement assessment
- Recommendation by Grade 7 teacher
- Assumed enrollment in Grade 8 Honors Science, but not a necessary co-enrollment

Science

- Recommended co-enrollment in Grade 8 Honors Math
- Recommendation by Grade 7 teacher

Social Studies

- Must meet the criteria for enrollment in Grade 8 Honors Language Arts, but does not necessarily need to be enrolled in said Language Arts class
- Recommendation by Grade 7 teacher