

Your student was identified through their Independent Reading Level, iReady Diagnostics results, and their teacher's opinion for the Otis–Lennon Standardized Aptitude Test (OLSAT) to see if they can qualify for GATE this school year.

The OLSAT is not a Reading and Math test for academic skills. It is patterning, spatial awareness, analogies, sentence completion, numeric inference, etc. It is a timed multiple choice, 1 answer test, but not all the test needs to be completed and they are not penalized for leaving questions blank.

The Bud Rank GATE program is once a week before school led by Mr. Thompson with a focus on science exploration. The program has not started yet.

Testing will take place when the tests are available from the District. Once we know how many students are taking the test, we can schedule the date of the test. It will take place during the school day.

If testing for GATE is not an interest, no worries. It is a voluntary program in Clovis Unified.

In the spring, 6th graders will take the placement tests for junior high which can set them on a path for honors classes, then AP classes, then college community courses or CTE programs while in high school.

Questions about testing? Please email [jessicasanchez@cusd.com](mailto:jessicasanchez@cusd.com)

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