

Proposed Gifted and Talented Education (GATE) Screening Tool

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What is Giftedness?

From the National Association of Gifted Children:

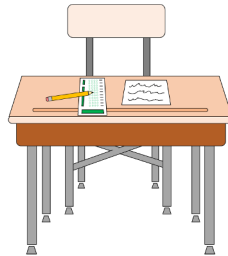
Student with gifts and talents:

- Come from all racial, ethnic, and cultural populations, as well as all economic strata.
- Require sufficient access to appropriate learning opportunities to realize their potential.
- Can have learning and processing disorders that require specialized intervention and accommodation.
- Need support and guidance to develop socially and emotionally as well as in their areas of talent.



Current GUSD GATE Identification

- 4th-8th grade students were eligible for the OLSAT exam based on CAASPP scores from the previous year.
- CAASPP is an academic achievement test that does not measure student aptitude.
- The OLSAT requires high level of language proficiency and literacy in English, which is a barrier for English learners and students with special needs.





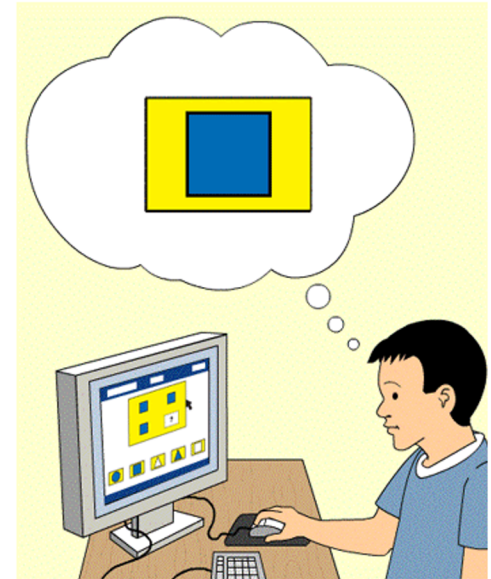
GATE Task Force Recommendation

To ensure equitable identification for GATE, it is recommended that GUSD:

- Implement a non-verbal assessment tool that eliminates the linguistic barrier.
- Eliminate the use of academic achievement tests such as the CAASPP as a screener.
- Screen all students at a single grade level, 3rd grade, to be efficient and comparable with other districts.
- Adopt the Naglieri Nonverbal Ability Test (NNAT3) as the universal screener for GUSD .

The Naglieri Nonverbal Ability Test (NNAT3)

- Nonverbal measure of general ability that yields a norm-based score
- Provides a nonverbal, culturally neutral assessment of general ability that is ideal for use with a diverse student population
- Students have 30 minutes to complete 48 items
- Factual knowledge, vocabulary, mathematics, and reading skills are not required





The Naglieri Nonverbal Ability Test (NNAT3)

The NNAT3 test is used nationally.

Some of the districts in California include:

- Adelanto Elementary School District
- Alvord Unified
- Azusa Unified
- Bellflower Unified
- Capistrano Unified
- Chino Valley Unified
- Corona Norco Unified
- Fairfield-Suisun Unified
- Ocean View School District
- Palos Verdes Peninsula Unified
- Redondo Beach Unified
- Sacramento City Unified
- San Bernardino City Unified
- San Gabriel Unified
- San Leandro Unified
- Saugus Union
- Torrance Unified
- Tracy Unified
- Turlock Unified
- Tustin Unified



Proposal for NNAT3 Implementation

2021-22 Academic Year

- **Administer the NNAT3 to all 3rd, 4th, and 5th grade students** to accommodate students who missed the opportunity for GATE identification due to the pandemic

2022-23 and thereafter

- 3rd grade only





Proposal for NNAT3 Implementation (cont.)

2021-22 Academic Year

- **Test Duration** - 48 items, 30 minutes, timed
- **Test Format** - Computer-based, computer-scored, administered on Chromebooks, group administration
- **Testing Window** - February to March
- **Cost** - Approximately \$83,490 (\$11.50 per student) funded by LCFF - LCAP Goal 1, Action 6.
 - Projected Annual Cost: approximately \$28,200, depending on enrollment in 3rd grade



Next Steps for the GATE Task Force

The Task Force has the following focus & next steps:

- Recommend new identification procedures
- Recommend effective practices for instruction of gifted learners
- Recommend professional learning opportunities for staff
- Recommend effective practices for engaging and supporting families of gifted learners





QUESTIONS?