



HUNTINGTON BEACH
CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT

HUNTINGTON BEACH CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT GIFTED AND TALENTED EDUCATION

September 2022

The Huntington Beach City School District has provided a program in Gifted and Talented Education (GATE) since 1971. Identified students in grades 2-8 are involved in a curriculum that is designed to meet their unique needs. Students may attend a cluster program at five of our elementary school sites or, as space permits, the centered program at Peterson Elementary School. GATE/Honors core classes are offered at our middle schools for students who meet course specific criteria.

All first grade students will be given the Otis Lennon School Ability Test (OLSAT) in their classroom in the fall. Parents will be notified in advance of the testing dates for their child's classroom and will be given the opportunity to opt their child out of testing should they wish to do so. Students in grades 2-7 are tested during January and February. Testing for grades 1-7 is for placement into the GATE program the following school year.

A comprehensive assessment process is part of the identification procedure and incorporates multiple measures, including analysis of:

- Performance on the Otis-Lennon School Ability Test (OLSAT)
 - Teacher Inventory of Gifted Characteristics
 - Most Recent Statewide or Standardized Assessment
 - Achievement in English Language Arts & Mathematics (demonstrated by advanced performance on District year end assessments; report card)
- During the course of the elementary school career, students may be assessed two times from grades 1-7.

The grade levels you select for your child's assessment should be dependent upon your perceptions of your child's developmental level and school performance.

GATE Assessment Consent forms are required for grades 2-7 and may be completed on the Huntington Beach City School District website at: www.HBCSD.us under Parents - Parent Portal, from October 2022 - December 2022, or by calling the GATE office at (714) 964-8888 ext. 2036 during these dates.

The last day to complete the GATE Assessment Consent form is December 9, 2022.