



Elementary School-Based GATE

Gifted and Talented Education

All Elementary Schools, Grades PK-5

District Program Contact:

Advanced Programs

(301) 766-2992

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School Program Contact:

Consult with your child's classroom teacher and/or the GATE teacher at your child's home elementary school.

Program Description:

GATE programs are specialized education services that meet the needs of students who have measureable strengths in identified areas, such as verbal skills, non-verbal thinking skills, and/or creative thinking. GATE programs are available at every elementary school. Multiple criteria are utilized during the screening and identification process, which include measures of ability, performance, and potential. A typical GATE student consistently performs well above grade level on math and/or reading skills.

GATE programs are available at all WCPS primary and elementary schools and serve students through creative and critical thinking skills training, problem-based instruction, shared inquiry, and STEM-based activities. Units of instruction are concept-based and complement, but do not duplicate, the Maryland College & Career Readiness Standards.

In accordance with Code of Maryland Regulations for Gifted and Talented Education, all students are screened for GATE services, and a distinct identification process is followed at every WCPS elementary school. Students are not guaranteed placement in GATE programs, and every placement in GATE is conditional. Placement appeals are directed to the Office of Advanced Programs.

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