



# **OUSD Gifted and Talented Education Program**

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- OUSD is firmly committed to the belief that throughout Oakland's diverse cultural groups there exist gifted and talented students whose continued development requires special services.
- We strive to ensure full participation of all qualified students including those from varying cultural, economic, and linguistic backgrounds.



## Data: GATE-Identified Students

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2004-2005 = 2,732 GATE students

2005-2006 = 3,340 GATE students

2006-2007 = 4,071 GATE students

2007-2008 = 4,138 GATE students

2008-2009 = 4,365 GATE students

2009-2010 = 4,317 GATE students \*

\* Testing for 2009-2010 is still in process, therefore this total is incomplete.



## Current GATE-Identified Students by Ethnicity

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<b>AfrAmer</b>	<b>Asian</b>	<b>Latino</b>	<b>White</b>
<b>19%</b>	<b>30%</b>	<b>23%</b>	<b>21%</b>



## Site GATE Program Overview

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- GATE programs are implemented at site level.
- Clusters recommended.
- GATE students should be served during the school day.
- Any pull-out program must be tied to core curriculum.



- Concerns that the needs of students with advanced abilities were not being met in middle school -- many families leaving the district during middle school.
- Concerns that in order to build and expand the AP programs and ensure adequate preparation for all students, a vertical strand must be built throughout middle school grades.



## Elements of GATE Middle School ELA Pilot

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- 6 Schools (Frick, Roosevelt, Bret Harte, Brewer, Claremont, Montera).
- GATE students clustered in classes.
- 26-7th and 8th grade English/Language Arts teachers invited to participate in trainings.
- Parent, student, teacher pre-pilot survey.
- 5 days of training that consisted of:
  - Components of GATE program
  - Strategies for differentiation
  - Social-Emotional needs of gifted students



## GATE Middle School Pilot - Follow-up

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- PD sessions with pilot school principals.
- Periodic check-ins with teachers.
- Scheduled sharing sessions.
- Final evaluation session with pilot teachers – May 20th.
- Next steps to be determined.





## GATE Middle School Parent Education Series

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- Three forums
  - “Fostering Talent in Gifted Children”
  - “Being an Advocate for your Gifted Child”
  - “Supporting the Social-Emotional Needs of your Gifted Child”
- Over 200 parents of GATE middle school and elementary school students have attended these forums.



## OUSD GATE Program is committed to:

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- Providing educational opportunities that allow students with advanced abilities to be challenged daily in order to become students who are:
  - Productive
  - Independent
  - Creative
  - Caring

