



Rhodes School

for the Performing Arts

GATE PARENT REFERRAL 2019-2020 School Year

Dear Parent,

September 2019

We are currently accepting referrals for students who may be eligible for Gifted and Talented Education (GATE) for next school year (2019-2020).

The purpose of GATE is to enable identified students to reach their intellectual potential by providing them with opportunities and experiences that will challenge and further develop their thinking, reasoning, and problem-solving skills (both in and out of the classroom).

There is a significant difference between the "bright" child and the "gifted" child. Please see the table below for these significant differences and characteristics that may help you ascertain whether or not your student might meet the characteristics to be tested.

Bright Child	Gifted Learner
Knows what it takes to succeed	Demonstrates advanced aptitude
Focused on the end product	Focused on the journey
Readily grasps meaning	Draws additional inferences
Absorbs info	Manipulates information
Enjoys School	Loves to learn
Knows answers	Poses questions
Words hard to perform well	Performs without significant effort
Works to get top grades	Not motivated by grades
Loves rules	Own ideas of how things should be done
Straightforward/sequential thinker	Wants basic guidelines; Thrives off complexity
6-8 repetitions for mastery	1-2 repetition for mastery
Memorizes	Makes connections
Pleased with progress; extrinsic motivation	Self-critical; intrinsically motivated
Enjoys peers	Looks for older or adult companionship

If your child demonstrates signs of intellectual giftedness and may benefit from GATE, please fill out the Permission to Test and return to the student's homeroom teacher. The identification process (see back) is made up of a matrix of points accumulated from an Achievement Test, an Ability Test, the student's Report Card and Teacher Evaluation.

Sincerely,

Shanitra Winslow

GATE Coordinator



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Permission to Test

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Dear Parent/Guardian of _____,

Please select one of the choices below to test if your child exemplifies the characteristics for a gifted learner. The testing is made up of a matrix of points accumulated from an Achievement Test, an Ability Test, the student's Report Card and Teacher Evaluation.

- I give permission to RSPA to test my child for GATE.
- I deny permission to RSPA to test my child for GATE.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Deadline for Permission Forms is September 18, 2019.

Sincerely,

Shanitra Winslow
GATE Coordinator

Print Name

Email Address

Signature

Phone Number

Upon return of this form to your child's homeroom teacher, you will receive an email receipt from the GATE Coordinator.