

West Contra Costa Unified
School District

Parent Guide
Gifted and Talented Education

Educational Services
GATE Program
(510) 307-4500

Outstanding talents are present in children and youth from all cultural groups across all economic strata
all areas of human endeavor.

- US Office of Educational Research and Improvement (OER) (1993)

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Cluster Grouping – Several GATE/high achieving students are grouped in the same classroom, which allows GATE students to interact and learn with peers.

Flexible Grouping – Flexible grouping lets students work in a targeted group while mastering advanced material. Once they have mastered the material or the subject matter, they are able to move to another group.

Part-time Grouping – Is used for specific curriculum areas such as math and/or reading; placement is determined by a student's level of achievement or ability. Parent notification and permission is necessary for this type of arrangement because the placement may be for a relatively long period.

Team Taught Cluster/Level Grouping – Multiple teachers regroup their students for part of the day so that the GATE students and high achievers are clustered for the core curriculum.

In middle school, students also have access to accelerated courses, and, as appropriate, high school math courses as well as differentiated instruction.

High School

GATE students have access to honors, and Advanced Placement courses for a range of subjects. Advanced Placement courses, coupled with the AP exams, allow students to have accelerated

