

## GATE FAQ's

### **1. How do I sign my child up for GATE testing?**

To request GATE testing for your child, complete a *GATE Parent Questionnaire/Test Consent* form online through the PUSD GATE webpage (<http://www.powayusd.com/Depts/LSS/GATE/>), or in your child's school office. *Requests for GATE Testing will only be taken during the request submission window dates.* Testing request must be submitted between September 15<sup>th</sup> and November 16<sup>th</sup>, 2014. Students that have been identified as GATE will join the GATE program the following school year.

### **2. Can my child enter into the homogenous GATE lottery, if they just took the PUSD GATE test?**

Yes, you may enter the lottery, as the results will be determined after the lottery has taken place. Your child's spot will be honored in the homogenous GATE class while the results are pending.

### **3. What happens if I miss the GATE lottery dead line?**

You may turn in a GATE lottery ticket, and your child will be placed on the waiting list in the order the ticket was received.

### **4. If my child is GATE do I have to go into the homogeneous GATE class?**

No. As the parent, you have the choice to request the homogenous or the heterogeneous GATE class.

### **5. What if my child was identified as GATE in another district, will my child be automatically identified as GATE in PUSD?**

Once you have enrolled in the PUSD system, your GATE testing results will be submitted to the GATE Steering committee to determine eligibility status. your child will be given provisional status while the decision is being made.

### **6. If my child tested in elementary, but did not pass, may I retest in Middle School?**

Yes, your child can be tested up students can test up to three times, and can test the following year.

**7. Why does GATE designation not continue into High School?**

At the high school level, gifted students are encouraged to participate in honors and/or advanced placement courses in their areas of interest/expertise. GATE Coordinators serve as resources for teachers, parents, and students, as well as monitor GATE student achievement. Specific class placement needs are best discussed with school guidance counselors, as gifted students should focus their learning and class schedules in preparation for higher education and/or career opportunities.

**8. Why isn't the GATE Homogeneous class offered in the BMMS Academy?**

The Academy offers a heterogeneous GATE classes. The purpose of the Academy is to provide extended learning opportunities and with the limitations of the scheduling, homogenous cluster can not be formed.

**9. Generally there is one GATE Homogeneous class offered at each grade level. Could there ever be two sections?**

Two sections could be offered if there is a significant number of students requesting homogeneous GATE class.

**10. GATE classes affect ELA and SS, but why not Math or Science?**

Due to a variety of restrictions on scheduling and funding, separate homogeneous classes in science can not be offered. Students are already placed in math based on their ability.

GATE Website link:

<http://www.powayusd.com/depts/lss/gate/>