

*GATE Parent
Information Meeting*



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Principal, Lewis and Clark

History of the Program

- Elementary GATE program in Richland in existence for 23 years.
- Located at Lewis and Clark for 16 years.

GATE Staff

- Director – Marty Brewer
- Executive Secretary - Beth Stumetz
- Counselor - Cathy Kuwamoto
- 3rd Grade GATE teacher – Peggy Estes
- 3rd and 4th Grade GATE teacher – Mary Moore
- 4th Grade GATE teacher – Megan Walter
- 5th Grade GATE teacher - Deborah Madison

Purpose and Goals of the Program

- To provide opportunities for higher level thinking
- To provide opportunities for interaction among peers with similar abilities and interest
- To develop an understanding of self and others
- To provide learning opportunities designed to encourage individual growth.

Criteria for Selection

- State guidelines for selection
- MAP (Measures of Academic Progress)
Reading and Math Academic Achievement
Tests 95%
- Otis Lennon Mental Abilities Test - 90%
- Standardized teacher rating scale

GATE Selection Committee

- Meets in early March to review the testing information
- Committee is composed of a principal, GATE teacher, district primary teacher, school psychologist and school counselor.

Letters



- If your child does not meet criteria for reading and math you will receive a letter from school counselor with their scores
- If your child is being considered you will not receive your scores until the testing process is completed and you will receive a letter in mid March

GATE Timeline

- Mid-February - Elementary counselors forward completed testing to GATE office
- March - GATE selection committee meeting
- Mid-March - Letters sent to students
- Before Spring Break - tour
- Before Spring Break - deadline for decision

Class Placement

- Offers will be made to 22-24 students for the third grade class
- Some students may decide not to attend and other students may be considered.
- Students may move to Richland in the summer.
- Once accepted into GATE program, no further testing is required

Factors to Consider

- Your child's interest and desire in attending a GATE program.
- Leaving a school and friends in your neighborhood.
- Opportunity to be with other highly capable students. No longer will be the "top dog".
- Excellent teaching staff

Frequently Asked Questions

- School hours - 8:45 a.m. – 3:15 p.m. Monday – Thursday and 8:45 a.m. – 1:15 p.m. Friday
- Bussing provided
- Extra Curricular Activities - Chess Club, Math teams
- Music Program - Band, Orchestra, Choir
- Bus to child care at Marcus Whitman
- Accelerated Reader
- Middle School GATE program
- Parent Involvement
- Foreign Language

For more information

- Phone numbers 967-6276
- Website: www.rsd.edu/schools/lewisclark
- *VIP (Parent Volunteer Program) – Shandy Hipke*

Comments and Questions

