

ADDITIONAL RESOURCES

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Gifted

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Gifted

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GIFTED EDUCATION

MESA UNION
SCHOOL DISTRICT

WHAT IS GATE?

GATE stands for Gifted And Talented Education. The GATE program provides curriculum and instruction to further challenge students who are identified with an aptitude significantly beyond average.

IDENTIFICATION

All third grade students are assessed using the Cognitive Abilities Test. Students who meet established criteria under multiple measures are identified as GATE learners. Nationally 7.5% of the population is identified as gifted.

Students may be retested once at the end of their fifth grade year for placement in middle school. New Mesa Union students in grades 4-8 may be tested, if not already assessed by a prior school district.



CURRICULUM

DEPTH AND COMPLEXITY

Grade level content and common core standards are the starting point and from there curriculum is differentiated for Depth and Complexity. Differentiation takes many forms within the classroom and is flexible.

ENRICHMENT AND NOVELTY

The GATE coordinator collaborates with the classroom teacher to deliver instruction. Best practices include use of new technologies and 21st century skills guided by Mesa's 5 C's: communication, creativity, collaboration, critical thinking, and compassion.

PROGRAM VISION

To provide gifted learners an individualized educational program grounded in rigorous standards, technological skills, and differentiated opportunities.



VALUES

- 21st Century Skills
- Depth and Complexity
- Growth Mindset
- Making Connections
- Personal Reflection