



**Irvine Unified School District**

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Dear Parents and Guardians of students in 3rd through 6th grades:

The Irvine Unified School District will conduct Gifted and Talented Education (GATE) program placement testing on selected Wednesday afternoons and Saturday mornings. The Otis-Lennon School Ability Test is an optional test which is used for GATE identification beginning in third grade. **OLSAT SCORES ARE NOT CRITERIA USED FOR APAAS PLACEMENT.** It is a group-administered test that measures abstract thinking and reasoning ability. Students must score at the 95<sup>th</sup> percentile or higher in order to qualify for Irvine’s GATE program. **OLSAT scores become a permanent part of the child’s assessment record in the Irvine Unified School District.** Other GATE identification options can be found at [http://www.iusd.org/parent\\_resources/gate/gate.htm](http://www.iusd.org/parent_resources/gate/gate.htm).

Students who qualify for the GATE program are typically those who demonstrate high-level performance or potential in higher level thinking skills. They are able to analyze information, make generalizations, and understand concepts at a level far beyond that of their peers. We would like to offer you the opportunity to have your student tested for the GATE program.

Testing will take place at the sites set forth below. The test is 40 minutes in length. We schedule a 60-minute test session to allow time to distribute material and provide directions to the students. Additionally, there will be a fee of \$50.00 to offset the costs associated with the testing.

Alderwood 2005 Knollcrest Irvine, 92603 (Village of Quail Hill)	Canyon View 12025 Yale Court Irvine, 92620 (Village of Northwood)	Oak Creek 1 Dove Creek Irvine, 92618 (Village of Oak Creek)	Woodbury 125 Great Lawn Irvine, 92620 (Village of Woodbury)
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Please keep in mind this is not a test for which students can study. The best preparation is a good night’s sleep and a protein-rich snack! You will be notified of your student’s results in March 2010.

To request GATE testing for your student, please complete the tear-off below, and return it with your check for \$50.00 (made payable to the Irvine Unified School District). Confirmations will be mailed on a continuous basis. If you have not received a confirmation one week prior to your first choice testing date, please call the GATE office at (949) 936-5120.

Sincerely,

*Beth L. Andrews*

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GATE/APAAS Coordinator

**Detach and return with check for \$50.00 to IUSD, Attn: GATE Dept., 5050 Barranca Parkway, Irvine, 92604**

Student name \_\_\_\_\_ Grade \_\_\_\_\_ Gender \_\_\_\_\_  
 Address \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_ School Attending \_\_\_\_\_

If my student qualifies, it is my desire that the Gifted and Talented Education program of the Irvine Unified School District identify and place my student in this program.

Parent Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

**Indicate First and Second (1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup>) choices of testing location, date and time in the boxes provided. First and second choices must be on different dates**

**Wednesday Testing Schedule**

**Saturday Testing Schedule**

1 <sup>st</sup>	2 <sup>nd</sup>			
		Nov. 18	Woodbury	2:00 – 3:00
				3:30 – 4:30
		Dec. 2	Alderwood	2:00 – 3:00
				3:30 – 4:30
		Jan. 13	Oak Creek	2:00 – 3:00
				3:30 – 4:30
		Feb. 17	Alderwood	2:00 – 3:00
				3:30 – 4:30
		Feb. 24	Canyon View	2:00 – 3:00
				3:30 – 4:30

1 <sup>st</sup>	2 <sup>nd</sup>			
		Nov. 14	Woodbury	9:30 – 10:30
				11:00 – 12:00
		Jan. 23	Oak Creek	9:30 – 10:30
				11:00 – 12:00

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