**GATE CLUSTER:** Students who meet the multi-criterion standards are identified as a GATE Cluster students. This includes a score in the ability range greater or equal to two standard deviations above the mean, high academic achievement, and show characteristics of Gifted students. These students differ from their age peers in that they generally show advanced comprehension, a faster pace of learning, and an ability to handle greater depth and complexity in their learning. These students need challenge by changing the regular curriculum through pace or presentation. They require program differentiation of core subjects in content, process or product in order to realize their learning potential.

**CLUSTER IDENTIFICATION DATA:**
- CogAT score
- Achievement
- Rating scales
- Factors

**FACTORS**
1. **Economic**-eligible for free or reduced lunch.
2. **Language**-assigned CELDT overall Language Proficiency Level of B, E, I or 1 indicating limited English proficiency
3. **Special Education**-has an active IEP or 504 Plan
4. **Relocation**-student has moved schools more than 3 times.

**WEB RESOURCES:**
- Supporting the Emotional Needs of the Gifted [www.sengifted.org](http://www.sengifted.org)
- California Association for the Gifted [www.cagifted.org](http://www.cagifted.org)
- National Association for Gifted Children [www.nage.org](http://www.nage.org)

**CLUSTER CLASSROOMS Grades 3-10:**
Each GATE cluster class is comprised of twenty-five percent GATE identified students; the remainder of the students in the class must reflect the diversity of the school’s population.

**PARENT OPPORTUNITIES:**
- **GATE District Advisory Committee**
  Ballard Center Auditorium
  6:30 – 8:00 p.m.
  September 10, 2018
  October 8, 2018
  November 5, 2018
  December 10, 2018 (steering committee)
  January 14, 2019
  February 11, 2019
  March 11, 2019
  April 8, 2019
  May 13, 2019
  June 10, 2019 (steering committee)

  For additional resources, please visit the GATE department website [www.sandi.net/GATE](http://www.sandi.net/GATE)

  **Meetings for Parents of Newly Identified GATE Students**
  Please contact the GATE team leader at your child’s school site, or your child’s school site administrator.

For information regarding identification contact your school site psychologist. For answers to questions about Cluster programs, contact your school’s Administrator or GATE Team Leader.