

## **MMS GATE Placement Policy**

Placement in GATE or Seminar classes at Marshall is *automatic* for students who are “District identified,” having met the qualifications for placement in the GATE or Seminar program based on achieving a qualifying score on the district’s CogAT GATE test.

Placement in GATE cluster classes for students who are not “District identified,” but who meet Marshall's “22-23” site-based GATE criteria, is NOT automatic. Parents of students who meet Marshall’s site-based GATE criteria (see below) must notify the Marshall Counseling Department via email/in writing that they are requesting GATE Cluster placement. In addition, they need to mail, email ([jbecker1@sandi.net](mailto:jbecker1@sandi.net)), FAX (858-549-5490) or bring in a copy of the documentation, which proves that they meet the one of the following criteria:

- A minimum of three “4’s” and two “3’s” on the most recent 5<sup>th</sup> grade standards-based report card in the subject area of English Language Arts  
**OR**
- A minimum score of 121 (90<sup>th</sup> percentile) on the CogAT GATE test (or on another school administered IQ test from a different district)

Students **MUST** be Seminar identified on the CogAT GATE test (or have an equivalent score on a school administered IQ test from a different district) to be placed in Seminar classes. No exceptions will be made to this policy.