



**HARMONY**  
GIFTED & TALENTED EDUCATION

# GATE Newsletter

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## Welcome back!

Dear Parent(s) / Guardian(s)

Welcome back! We are ready for a very exciting year, filled with interesting activities and projects. Welcome also to our new students and parents/guardians. Here is a short overview of our GATE Program.

The structure of our GATE Program is based on small groups (maximum of 10 students/group) being pulled out during their regular schedule, 3 times/week. Our classes take place in Room 123 (stations with flexible seating). The program consists of Interdisciplinary Projects used as a tool in order to develop, improve or master the following skills: 1) motivation, 2) self-discipline, 3) problem solving, 4) critical thinking, 5) creative thinking, 6) quality work, 7) interpersonal relationships and 8) risk taking. More information/details regarding our projects can be found on our website [www.gatehsa.weebly.com](http://www.gatehsa.weebly.com). A qualitative report is sent home twice/year, in December and May. An award ceremony takes place twice/year too, in December and May, during one of our classes and among GATE students only. A portfolio of students' work is kept in classroom for parents/guardians' and teachers' reference at all time. Extracurricular activities include First in Math, Noetic Learning Mathematics Contest and GATE Club. It is an additional time for the students to work on their GATE projects and/or any other projects that require more time. Also, students can participate in two field trips, one/semester. GATE showcase, as well as GATE students' night, take place at the end of the school year. You are regularly informed of all important items via our GATE ClassDojo. A monthly newsletter is also posted on ClassDojo. During their first class, students will receive a contract they will bring home for your signature. All rules and procedures are clearly explained. They will also receive, at the same time, schedule, supply list and logins for ClassDojo and Vocabulary.com. Please be aware that since our GATE Program is skills based, we are communicating with students directly in order to emphasize responsibility and independence and hold students accountable. Parent(s)/guardian(s) are contacted only in situations specified in the contract and if the student is under probation and exiting the program.

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Please do not forget to visit our website regularly. Aside from all the information about the projects we are and will be working on, you can also find the important dates and events that are taking place in Gifted and Talented Community.

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You have **FEET** in your **SHOES**.  
You can **STEER** yourself any  
**DIRECTION** you **CHOOSE**.  
~ Dr. Seuss