

Dear Guardians, Teachers, and Community Leaders,

We'd like to announce the GT nomination window is now currently open. ***The window is from September 4, 2018 to September 30, 2018.*** In order for a student to be identified as GT, data from several quantitative and qualitative criteria are collected throughout this nomination window and testing window (October) and reviewed by the campus GT Decision-Making Committee.

The first step in the process is to complete the **Nomination form** and turn it into the Campus GT Coordinator here on campus during the nomination window. The Campus GT Coordinator are not required to accept these forms before the nomination window opens or after the nomination window closes.

Parent [Nomination form - English](#)

Parent [Nomination form - Spanish](#)

[Teacher Nomination Form](#)

The second step in the process is the Screening/Assessment:

Students seeking admission to SST GATE Program are screened based on the following criteria:

Quantitative data:

- i. School Abilities Tests, Verbal and Non-verbal, such as (not limited) CogAT (Cognitive Abilities Test), IQ, and NNAT
- ii. Achievement Tests, Verbal and Non-verbal, such as (not limited) NWEA MAP, STAAR, SAT, ACT, AP - measures the level of acquired knowledge. NWEA MAP scores may be used as a preliminary criteria for CogAT testing.

Qualitative data:

- i. Parent Rating Scale
- ii. Teacher Rating Scale
- iii. Other/Anecdotal Information

*Testing may take place during the school hours, after-school, and/or weekend.

*Campus GATE Committee may adopt, use, and accept other tests if needed.

Lastly, the final step in the process is placement in the program:

Student's percentiles and/or scores from the assessment instruments are plotted on the student profile. Each student's profile is individually evaluated by the campus GATE Committee. A student clearly qualifies for GATE Program if the evidence on the profile meets the district criteria. Parents are notified in writing of the GATE Committee's decision.