GATE Showcase
A.E. Wright Middle School
February 16, 2022
6:00-8:00 PM

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OUR TEAM

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Today's Agenda

6:00-6:30
Program Overview

6:30-7:30
Student Panel

7:35-7:45
Meet and Greet
The philosophy of the middle school GATE program is to provide a learning environment that focuses on the use of depth, complexity, acceleration, and novelty to enhance student learning. By cohorting like-minded peers, intrinsic motivation and positive self-image develop in a safe environment. Students are encouraged to work outside of their comfort zone and take academic risks that create intellectual leadership, courage, resilience, and humility.
GATE Instructional Strategies

• Icons of Depth and Complexity
• Integrated courses (Language Arts & Social Science)
• Universal Concepts (change, systems...)
• Independent research
• Complex problem-based student-centered assignments
• Socratic Seminars
• Scholarly Pursuits
• Problem-Based Learning/Project-Based Learning (PBL)
• Bloom’s Taxonomy
Classroom Examples

Science

Social Studies

Language Arts
Science
Language Arts & Social Studies
Typical Day at AEW as a GATE Student

With your **GATE COHORT:**

- English Language Arts
- Social Studies
- Science

With the **AEW population:**

- Leveled Math
- PE
- Elective
Field Trip Montage

Ronald Reagan Library
Expectations

• Critical thinking and analysis
• Collaboration
• Daily active participation
• Respect for all
• Atmosphere of curiosity and wonderment

• Challenge and frustration for some, as they might have never been asked to think this way before or produce this way before
Student Involvement

● Community within a community

● GATE specific events include:
  ○ Welcome picnic / Carpool coordination
  ○ Holiday get-togethers
  ○ Community service opportunities
  ○ Informational panel with GATE alumni
  ○ Social gatherings / beach trips
  ○ 8th grade graduation party
Parent Involvement

- Association of GATE Parents (AGP)- 2 meetings a year
- Field Trip Chaperones/ Fundraising/ Grade level representatives
- GATE Parent Guest Speakers
- GATE Task Force (2 parent positions - 2 year terms)

Join our next AGP meeting: MARCH 31st

Parent Education
Mrs. Tepper: Perfectionism
“Education is not the learning of facts but the training of the mind to think.”

- Albert Einstein
Next Stop
Parent and Student Panel

*Last Names*

A-G Room S7 (upstairs)
H-L Room S6 (upstairs)
M-R Room S8 (upstairs)
S-Z Room S4 (downstairs)

Meet and Greet
7:35-8:00pm
Drama Room
What GATE means to me . . .

“I like the unrestrictive nature of most GATE projects, with many of them allowing you to demonstrate your knowledge of a subject in any manner you desire, whether that be creating a song or a 3D model.”

“My favorite thing about the GATE program is you get a lot of choice. On some writing assignments, our teachers give us a broad topic, then we get to choose our specific focus based on our interests.”

“I like how I get to know my classmates better because I am in 3 classes with them.”

“I like how we talk as a group most of the time. We talk and collaborate a lot.”

“I like the variety of people and how unique you can be. No one will judge you because we are all different.”

“I like the outside of the box thinking, the community aspect of it, the class discussions/debates, the interactive learning, and the group projects.”

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