

Mission Statement

We educate students to make a difference in the world by fully achieving their potential. Our vision is to have our graduates take with them the academic tools and passion to use their talents to make a significant contribution to society.

GATE Staff Directory

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GATE

Gifted & Talented
Education

“Gifted” is a professional term used to describe students who perform or show potential for performing at remarkably high levels of accomplishment when compared to others of their age, experience, or environment. For some, their learning needs are not a good match to the standard curriculum. The goal of identification is to locate these students so that, when necessary, adjustments can be made in their school program in order to match their needs.

How Students are Identified as Gifted

An intensive screening process is employed to identify those children eligible to receive gifted services. The State of Ohio and House Bill 282 have set the criteria for gifted identification. To meet the state regulated standards, along with the Sylvania Schools gifted plan submitted to the Ohio Department of Education, a student must score two standard deviations above the mean minus the standard error of measurement on an intelligence test which on the CogAT Screen = 120, ID = 128 for grades K-2 and 129 for grades 3-12, perform at or above the 95th percentile in two areas on a basic or composite battery of a nationally normed achievement test. Sylvania Schools administers the Cognitive Abilities Test (CogAT) to all second grade students in the district. Students achieving a score in the 94th percentile are

recommended for retesting. Recommendations may also be made by parents, guardians, teachers, or the student him/herself. Sylvania Schools provides two opportunities a year for assessment in all grade levels K-12. Any student transferring into the district will be assessed within 90 days of the transfer at the request of the parent. We also have additional tests available to ensure that we meet the needs of underrepresented populations. Additional tests include the Woodcock-Johnson III, Tests of Achievement, Woodcock-Johnson III, Tests of Cognitive Abilities which requires a score of 111 for K-2 and 113 for 3-12, and the UNIT test. To request testing or reconsideration, please contact Kathleen Pollock at (419)824-8576 KPollock@sylvaniaschools.org. Once a student is identified, they do not have to be retested to participate in the GATE program which begins in the 6th grade and continues through junior high. Our high school students participate in Honors, AP (Advanced Placement) and PSO (Post Secondary Option) classes. Students may complete the high school program in fewer than four years for the purpose of beginning a post high school career path.

What Happens in GATE

Qualifying sixth through eighth grade students are invited to participate in GATE. Our GATE teachers are all highly qualified in gifted education. Junior high students attend GATE class as part of their daily schedule.