



Los Angeles Unified School District
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GATE/SAS Coordinator's Winter 2018 Newsletter

"It is not enough to have a good mind; the main thing is to use it well." - Rene Descartes

Welcome back! Gifted /Talented Programs would like to thank you for your continued support and advocacy for gifted/talented learners.

44th Annual Los Angeles City/County Conference on Gifted Education

LAUSD Gifted/Talented Programs, Advanced Learning Options, and the Greater Los Angeles Gifted Children's Association, are pleased to announce that the 44th Annual Los Angeles City/County Conference on Gifted Education will be held on Saturday, June 2, 2018, at the Skirball Cultural Center from 7:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. The conference is filling up quickly with a total capacity of 1,000 participants.

This annual conference, which offers an excellent selection of sessions for gifted coordinators, classroom teachers, school administrators, and counselors will feature known leaders in the field of gifted education. It also will provide professional development, networking opportunities and resources for teachers to help gifted/talented students meet their potential. The theme for the conference this year is: *Whole New Ballgame: Revolutionizing Gifted Education*. The keynote speaker is Ian Byrd, a nationally recognized writer, gifted education expert, and consultant. The plenary session will screen the inspirational documentary film, *Most Likely to Succeed*, which focuses on differentiated instruction through project-based learning. We are strongly encouraging schools to support the attendance of their gifted coordinator, staff, and anyone else who works with and supports gifted/talented students at your school. The cost of the conference is \$125.00. You may register now by logging on to www.giftedchildrenla.org. General conference questions can be directed to Dr. Lucy Hunt, District Coordinator, at lhunt@lausd.net. Registration questions can be directed to Dr. Nicole Niederdeppe, District Coordinator, at nnn8729@lausd.net.

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Save the Date - GATE/SAS Coordinator Meeting Schedule*

LD Northeast: Grant HS

Monday, 2/5/18 - 3:30 to 5:00 p.m.

LD Northwest: Nobel MS

Thursday, 2/8/18 - 3:30 to 5:00 p.m.

LD South: White MS

Monday, 2/12/18 - 3:30 to 5:00 p.m.

LD East: Stevenson MS

Thursday, 2/15/18 - 3:30 to 5:00 p.m.

LD West: Loyola Village ES

Thursday, 2/22/18 - 3:30 to 5:00 p.m.

LD Central: Virgil MS

Monday, 2/26/18 - 3:30 to 5:00 p.m.

*See MEM-6112.4 for details

SAS Student Permit Application for 2018-2019

Students who reside within LAUSD boundaries, but outside of a designated Schools for Advanced Studies (SAS) site's residential boundaries, may apply for an SAS permit for 2018-2019 enrollment. The SAS permit application window opened October 27, 2017 and closes March 23, 2018. SAS permit selection will occur at SAS sites by lottery after the March 23, 2018 deadline, as space is available.

Students, residing within the boundaries of a designated SAS school who meet eligibility criteria, must be placed in the site's SAS gifted/talented program (unless the parent has signed a waiver, requesting non-participation, or has selected another program option). No formal application is required for eligible resident students since SAS is the school site's GATE instructional program.

MEM-5974.5, *Schools for Advanced Studies (SAS): Student Permit Application for 2018-2019*, is currently available on the GATE website <https://achieve.lausd.net/gate> under GATE Documents (password protected), as well as on MyLAUSD.

Parents can access the SAS permit application and a list of SAS sites (English and Spanish) on the GATE website at <https://achieve.lausd.net/gate> under Program Options and Schools for Advanced Studies (SAS).

Online Verification for Gifted Magnet Centers

The Online Magnet Verification for high ability applicants allows principals/administrative designees to use an electronic process to verify District students who have applied to Gifted Magnet Schools/Centers. These applicants have not been previously verified or identified based on District records.

Principals/administrative designees should only verify students who demonstrate the ability or strong potential to work two years above grade level in all academic subjects and meet specified critical-thinking and problem solving criteria. Schools must compile and retain evidence of verification or non-verification at the school site. School site personnel should NOT verify students unless there is sufficient evidence to support the eligibility.

School site personnel can refer to MEM-3391.12, *Online Magnet Verification for Gifted Magnet Applicants*, for verification procedures (available on MyLAUSD). The revised timeline for the online verification process will be January 16 – January 26, 2018, on the Principal's Portal.

Please contact **Student Integration Services** at (213) 241-6532 if you have questions about the verification process.

SMALL GROUP TRAININGS

School site GATE coordinators and administrators are invited to participate in our small group trainings on gifted identification procedures. Additional information and registration is available on MyPLN: <https://achieve.lausd.net/mypln>.

- **January 25, 2018:** Visual/Performing Arts
- **March 1, 2018:** Creative/Leadership Ability
- **March 8, 2018:** Visual/Performing Arts
- **March 19, 2018:** Creative/Leadership Ability
- **April 19, 2018:** General Identification

