



**LOS ANGELES UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT**  
**MEMORANDUM**

**TITLE:** 2019-2020 Gifted and Talented Education (GATE) Meetings and Professional Development Calendar

**NUMBER:** MEM- 6112.6

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**ROUTING**  
 Local District Superintendents  
 Administrators of Instruction  
 Directors  
 School Site Principals  
 GATE Coordinators  
 Teachers

**DATE:** September 3, 2019

**PURPOSE:** Each academic year Gifted/Talented Programs provides guidance and support to District schools. This Memorandum informs school site Gifted and Talented Education (GATE) and Schools for Advanced Studies (SAS) coordinators, parents and administrators of the 2019–2020 GATE Meetings and Professional Development Calendar.

**MAJOR CHANGES:** This Memorandum replaces MEM-6112.5, dated July 24, 2018, and provides updated information, including dates and locations, of GATE meetings and professional development options.

**INSTRUCTIONS: I. GATE MEETINGS AND WORKSHOPS**

- A. GATE/SAS Coordinator Meetings
  - 1. Purpose: The purpose of the GATE/SAS coordinator meetings is to provide information and support for school site GATE/SAS programs and services.
  - 2. Location: GATE coordinators may attend one meeting date at any location.
  - 3. SAS Designation/Eligibility: To maintain a school’s SAS designation and/or be eligible for future SAS site designation, principals are required to send a representative to fall and spring GATE coordinator meetings and SAS coordinator trainings.
- B. GATE/SAS Parent Workshops
  - 1. Purpose: The purpose of the GATE/SAS Parent Workshops is to provide an overview of LA Unified’s Gifted/Talented Programs.
  - 2. Parent workshops address:
    - a. Program options and services
    - b. GATE Identification: referral, screening, and assessment
    - c. 2<sup>nd</sup> grade administration of the Otis-Lennon School Ability Test, Eighth Edition (OLSAT-8) for High Achievement identification
    - d. Questions, concerns and topics of interest
  - 3. Location: Parents may attend one of the optional meeting dates at any location.
- C. GATE Webinars
  - 1. Topics: Optional web-based workshops are offered for administrators, coordinators, and teachers on a variety of GATE topics.
  - 2. New GATE Coordinators: It is highly recommended that new GATE coordinators and teachers participate in the topical webinars (as applicable) to supplement the content of GATE/SAS coordinator



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- meetings and other GATE professional development opportunities.
3. **Registration:** Go to MyPLN: <https://achieve.lausd.net/mypln> to register. Search for keyword: “GATE” or “gifted.”

**D. GATE Small Group Trainings**

1. **Topics:** Optional small group trainings are offered for administrators and coordinators on a variety of topics, including:
  - i. Initiating gifted referrals in all seven District gifted and talented categories of identification.
  - ii. Referring, screening and identifying students from diverse and underrepresented populations.
2. **New GATE Coordinators:** The District recommends that new GATE coordinators participate in the small group trainings to supplement the content of GATE/SAS coordinator meetings.
3. **Registration:** Go to MyPLN: <https://achieve.lausd.net/mypln> to register. Search for keyword: “GATE” or “gifted.”

**E. GATE Salary Point Classes**

1. **Differentiated Curriculum and Instruction:** GATE salary point classes are designed to train and support teachers and administrators on how to provide appropriate differentiated curriculum and instruction for their gifted/talented learners.
2. **Introductory/Advanced:** Class offerings range from introductory to advanced and address how to apply the “non-negotiables” of gifted instruction: depth, complexity, novelty and acceleration.
3. **Registration:** Go to MyPLN: <https://achieve.lausd.net/mypln> to register. Search for keyword: “GATE” or “gifted.”

**II. GATE CALENDAR ANNOUNCEMENTS**

A. Memorandum attachments include announcements for GATE professional development/training opportunities:

1. GATE/SAS Coordinator Meetings (Attachment A)
2. Salary Point Classes (Attachment B)
3. GATE/SAS Parent Workshops (Attachment C)

B. School GATE personnel are to distribute and post the 2019-2020 GATE calendar announcements, as appropriate.

**ASSISTANCE:** For assistance, contact the appropriate District Gifted/Talented Programs administrator at (213) 241-6500 or by email.

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West	Erin Yoshida-Ehrmann	<a href="mailto:emy2142@lausd.net">emy2142@lausd.net</a>
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**2019-2020 GATE/SAS Coordinator Meetings**

**Fall 2019 GATE/SAS Coordinator Meetings:**

Coordinators may attend a GATE/SAS coordinator meeting at any location. Pre-registration is not required. Schools for Advanced Studies (SAS) sites are required to send a representative to both portions of the meeting.

(Select ONE date)

DATE	TOPIC	TIME	LOCATION
<b>Monday</b> September 9, 2019	- GATE/SAS Coordinator Opening Meeting - Small Group Training for New GATE Coordinators - SAS Coordinator Training (Unified Enrollment and Site Designation Application)	3:45 – 5:00 p.m. 5:00 – 6:00 p.m. 5:00 – 6:00 p.m.	<b>Grant HS (NE)</b> 13000 Oxnard St. Van Nuys, CA 91401
<b>Thursday</b> September 12, 2019	- GATE/SAS Coordinator Opening Meeting - Small Group Training for New GATE Coordinators - SAS Coordinator Training (Unified Enrollment and Site Designation Application)	3:45 – 5:00 p.m. 5:00 – 6:00 p.m. 5:00 – 6:00 p.m.	<b>Nobel MS (NW)</b> 9950 Tampa Ave. Northridge, CA 91324
<b>Monday</b> September 16, 2019	- GATE/SAS Coordinator Opening Meeting - Small Group Training for New GATE Coordinators - SAS Coordinator Training (Unified Enrollment and Site Designation Application)	3:45 – 5:00 p.m. 5:00 – 6:00 p.m. 5:00 – 6:00 p.m.	<b>White MS (S)</b> 22102 S Figueroa St. Carson, CA 90745
<b>Thursday</b> September 19, 2019	- GATE/SAS Coordinator Opening Meeting - Small Group Training for New GATE Coordinators - SAS Coordinator Training (Unified Enrollment and Site Designation Application)	3:45 – 5:00 p.m. 5:00 – 6:00 p.m. 5:00 – 6:00 p.m.	<b>Stevenson MS (E)</b> 725 S Indiana St. Los Angeles, CA 90023
<b>Monday</b> September 23, 2019	- GATE/SAS Coordinator Opening Meeting - Small Group Training for New GATE Coordinators - SAS Coordinator Training (Unified Enrollment and Site Designation Application)	3:45 – 5:00 p.m. 5:00 – 6:00 p.m. 5:00 – 6:00 p.m.	<b>Loyola Village ES (W)</b> 8821 Villanova Ave. Los Angeles, CA 90045
<b>Thursday</b> September 26, 2019	- GATE/SAS Coordinator Opening Meeting - Small Group Training for New GATE Coordinators - SAS Coordinator Training (Unified Enrollment and Site Designation Application)	3:45 – 5:00 p.m. 5:00 – 6:00 p.m. 5:00 – 6:00 p.m.	<b>Sotomayor HS (C)</b> 2050 N. San Fernando Rd. Los Angeles, CA 90065

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**ATTACHMENT A**

**Spring 2020 GATE/SAS Coordinator Meetings:**

Coordinators may attend a GATE/SAS Coordinator meeting at any location. Schools for Advanced Studies (SAS) sites are required to send a representative.

(Select ONE date)

DATE	TOPIC	TIME	LOCATION
<b>Monday</b> February 3, 2020	- GATE/SAS OLSAT Overview for Elementary Only - GATE/SAS Coordinator Update Meeting - SAS Coordinator Training	3:30 – 4:15 p.m. 4:15 – 5:00 p.m. 5:00 – 6:00 p.m.	<b>Grant HS (NE)</b> 13000 Oxnard St. Van Nuys, CA 91401
<b>Thursday</b> February 6, 2020	- GATE/SAS OLSAT Overview for Elementary Only - GATE/SAS Coordinator Update Meeting - SAS Coordinator Training	3:30 – 4:15 p.m. 4:15 – 5:00 p.m. 5:00 – 6:00 p.m.	<b>Nobel MS (NW)</b> 9950 Tampa Ave. Northridge, CA 91324
<b>Monday</b> February 10, 2020	- GATE/SAS OLSAT Overview for Elementary Only - GATE/SAS Coordinator Update Meeting - SAS Coordinator Training	3:30 – 4:15 p.m. 4:15 – 5:00 p.m. 5:00 – 6:00 p.m.	<b>White MS (S)</b> 22102 S Figueroa St. Carson, CA 90745
<b>Thursday</b> February 13, 2020	- GATE/SAS OLSAT Overview for Elementary Only - GATE/SAS Coordinator Update Meeting - SAS Coordinator Training	3:30 – 4:15 p.m. 4:15 – 5:00 p.m. 5:00 – 6:00 p.m.	<b>Stevenson MS (E)</b> 725 S Indiana St. Los Angeles, CA 90023
<b>Thursday</b> February 20, 2020	- GATE/SAS OLSAT Overview for Elementary Only - GATE/SAS Coordinator Update Meeting - SAS Coordinator Training	3:30 – 4:15 p.m. 4:15 – 5:00 p.m. 5:00 – 6:00 p.m.	<b>Loyola Village ES (W)</b> 8821 Villanova Ave. Los Angeles, CA 90045
<b>Monday</b> February 24, 2020	- GATE/SAS OLSAT Overview for Elementary Only - GATE/SAS Coordinator Update Meeting - SAS Coordinator Training	3:30 – 4:15 p.m. 4:15 – 5:00 p.m. 5:00 – 6:00 p.m.	<b>Sotomayor HS (C)</b> 2050 N. San Fernando Rd. Los Angeles, CA 90065

**Spring 2020 GATE/SAS Parent Workshop Calendar:**

Parents may attend at any location. Pre-registration is not required.

(Select ONE date)

DATE	TOPIC	TIME	LOCATION
<b>Monday</b> February 3, 2020	- GATE OLSAT Overview (Parents of 2 <sup>nd</sup> graders) - Program Overview and Special Topics in GATE	5:15 – 6:15 p.m. 6:15 – 7:30 p.m.	<b>Grant HS (NE)</b> 13000 Oxnard St. Van Nuys, CA 91401
<b>Thursday</b> February 6, 2020	- GATE OLSAT Overview (Parents of 2 <sup>nd</sup> graders) - Program Overview and Special Topics in GATE	5:15 – 6:15 p.m. 6:15 – 7:30 p.m.	<b>Nobel MS (NW)</b> 9950 Tampa Ave. Northridge, CA 91324
<b>Monday</b> February 10, 2020	- GATE OLSAT Overview (Parents of 2 <sup>nd</sup> graders) - Program Overview and Special Topics in GATE	5:15 – 6:15 p.m. 6:15 – 7:30 p.m.	<b>White MS (S)</b> 22102 S Figueroa St. Carson, CA 90745
<b>Thursday</b> February 13, 2020	- GATE OLSAT Overview (Parents of 2 <sup>nd</sup> graders) - Program Overview and Special Topics in GATE	5:15 – 6:15 p.m. 6:15 – 7:30 p.m.	<b>Stevenson MS (E)</b> 725 S Indiana St. Los Angeles, CA 90023
<b>Thursday</b> February 20, 2020	- GATE OLSAT Overview (Parents of 2 <sup>nd</sup> graders) - Program Overview and Special Topics in GATE	5:15 – 6:15 p.m. 6:15 – 7:30 p.m.	<b>Loyola Village ES (W)</b> 8821 Villanova Ave. Los Angeles, CA 90045
<b>Monday</b> February 24, 2020	- GATE OLSAT Overview (Parents of 2 <sup>nd</sup> graders) - Program Overview and Special Topics in GATE	5:15 – 6:15 p.m. 6:15 – 7:30 p.m.	<b>Sotomayor HS (C)</b> 2050 N. San Fernando Rd. Los Angeles, CA 90065



**2019–2020 GIFTED AND TALENTED EDUCATION (GATE)  
Salary Point Opportunities**

The GATE salary point classes are designed to train teachers and administrators on how to provide appropriate differentiated curriculum for their gifted/talented learners. The classes offered, which range from “introductory” to “advanced,” address how to apply the “non-negotiables” of gifted instruction: depth, complexity, novelty and acceleration.

Salary Point Classes	Class Dates
Meeting the Needs of Gifted Learners: Part I (Process) (K–12)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>October 5 &amp; 12</li> <li>October 19 &amp; 26</li> <li>November 9 &amp; 23</li> <li>November 25 &amp; 26</li> <li>January 8 &amp; 9</li> <li>June 17 &amp; 18</li> </ul>
Meeting the Needs of Gifted Learners: Part II (Content) (K–12)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>June 17 &amp; 18</li> </ul>
Meeting the Needs of Gifted Learners: Part III (Product) (K-12)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>March 21 &amp; 28</li> <li>June 17 &amp; 18</li> </ul>
Meeting the Needs of Gifted Learners: Part IV (Advanced Strategies) (K–12)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>October 19 &amp; 26</li> <li>March 21 &amp; 28</li> </ul>
Arts and the Gifted Learner: There’s More Than One Right Answer (K-12)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>October 19 &amp; 26</li> <li>January 8 &amp; 9</li> <li>March 21 &amp; 28</li> <li>June 17 &amp; 18</li> </ul>
Beyond Academics: What Else Do Gifted Learners Need? (K-12)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>October 19 &amp; 26</li> <li>March 21 &amp; 28</li> </ul>
Differentiation: Simplified, Realistic, and Effective: Challenging Gifted Potential in Mixed-Ability Classrooms (K–12) (2 salary points)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>October 5 &amp; 19, November 2 &amp; 23</li> <li>January 25, February 8 &amp; 29, March 7</li> </ul>
NEW: Exploring the Universal Theme of <i>Change</i> through Arts Integration for the Gifted/Talented Learner	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>August 5 &amp; 6</li> <li>October 19 &amp; 26</li> <li>January 8 &amp; 9</li> <li>March 21 &amp; 28</li> <li>June 17 &amp; 18</li> </ul>
Getting Started with iPads to Differentiate Learning for GATE Students: Part I (Beginning Level) (K–12)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>October 19 &amp; 26</li> <li>December 7 &amp; 21</li> </ul>
Getting Started with iPads to Differentiate Learning for GATE Students: Part II (Intermediate Level) (K–12)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>October 12 &amp; November 9</li> <li>January 8 &amp; 9</li> </ul>
How to Use Writing and Data to Create Novel Experiences for Gifted/ Talented Learners (3–12)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>June 17 &amp; 18</li> </ul>
Implementing Student Work Groups in Your Common Core Classroom (3–12)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>June 17 &amp; 18</li> </ul>
Using “Maker Projects” in the STEAM Classroom for Gifted/Talented Learners (K–12)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>October 19 &amp; 26</li> <li>January 8 &amp; 9</li> <li>March 21 &amp; 28</li> <li>June 17 &amp; 18</li> </ul>

- To register for salary point classes (only), log on to MyPLN: <https://achieve.lausd.net/mypln> and search by class title (or part of title) or keyword “Gifted” or “GATE.”
- Registration is open throughout the academic year; new classes are posted in September 2019 for the first semester and January 2020 for the second semester.



**ATTACHMENT C**

**Spring 2020 GATE/SAS Parent Meeting Calendar**

At the first session, parents will learn about District support/services for gifted learners as well as receive information about specific topics of interest. The second session will provide general information about the OLSAT-8, which is a second-grade assessment for gifted identification in the High Achievement category. Parents may attend one of the optional meeting dates in any location. Pre-registration is not required.

**(Select ONE Date; Sessions are Repeated)**

DATE	TOPIC	TIME	LOCATION
<b>Monday</b> February 3, 2020	- OLSAT Overview (Parents of 2 <sup>nd</sup> graders)	5:15 – 6:15 p.m.	<b>Grant HS (NE)</b> 13000 Oxnard St. Van Nuys, CA 91401
	- Program Overview and Special Topics in GATE	6:15 – 7:15 p.m.	
<b>Thursday</b> February 6, 2020	- OLSAT Overview (Parents of 2 <sup>nd</sup> graders)	5:15 – 6:15 p.m.	<b>Nobel MS (NW)</b> 9950 Tampa Ave. Northridge, CA 91324
	- Program Overview and Special Topics in GATE	6:15 – 7:15 p.m.	
<b>Monday</b> February 10, 2020	- OLSAT Overview (Parents of 2 <sup>nd</sup> graders)	5:15 – 6:15 p.m.	<b>White MS (S)</b> 22102 S Figueroa St. Carson, CA 90745
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<b>Thursday</b> February 20, 2020	- OLSAT Overview (Parents of 2 <sup>nd</sup> graders)	5:15 – 6:15 p.m.	<b>Loyola Village ES (W)</b> 8821 Villanova Ave. Los Angeles, CA 90045
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<b>Monday</b> February 24, 2020	- OLSAT Overview (Parents of 2 <sup>nd</sup> graders)	5:15 – 6:15 p.m.	<b>Sotomayor HS (C)</b> 2050 N. San Fernando Rd. Los Angeles, CA 90065
	- Program Overview and Special Topics in GATE	6:15 – 7:15 p.m.	

**Calendario 2020 de Reuniones de Primavera Para los Padres de los Programas GATE/SAS**

Los padres aprenderán acerca de los programas del Distrito para niños dotados, tanto como información sobre temas específicos de interés. La segunda sesión es para los padres que desean obtener información sobre la evaluación de los estudiantes que cursan el segundo grado para la identificación como dotados en la categoría de Aprovechamiento Superior. Los padres pueden asistir a cualquier reunión escogiendo una de las siguientes fechas. No es necesario registrarse previamente.

**(Seleccione UNA Fecha; las sesiones se repiten)**

FECHA	TEMA	HORARIO	LUGAR
<b>Lunes</b> 3 de febrero de 2020	- Información General Sobre el Examen OLSAT (para el 2 <sup>do</sup> año)	5:15 – 6:15 p.m.	<b>Distrito Local Noreste</b> Escuela Superior Grant 13000 Oxnard St., Van Nuys, CA 91401
	- Descripción del programa y temas especiales en GATE	6:15 – 7:15 p.m.	
<b>Jueves</b> 6 de febrero de 2020	- Información General Sobre el Examen OLSAT (para el 2 <sup>do</sup> año)	5:15 – 6:15 p.m.	<b>Distrito Local Noroeste</b> Escuela Intermedia Nobel 9950 Tampa Ave., Northridge, CA 91324
	- Descripción del programa y temas especiales en GATE	6:15 – 7:15 p.m.	
<b>Lunes</b> 10 de febrero de 2020	- Información General Sobre el Examen OLSAT (para el 2 <sup>do</sup> año)	5:15 – 6:15 p.m.	<b>Distrito Local Sur</b> Escuela Intermedia White 22102 S Figueroa St., Carson, CA 90745
	- Descripción del programa y temas especiales en GATE	6:15 – 7:15 p.m.	
<b>Jueves</b> 13 de febrero de 2020	- Información General Sobre el Examen OLSAT (para el 2 <sup>do</sup> año)	5:15 – 6:15 p.m.	<b>Distrito Local Este</b> Escuela Intermedia Stevenson 725 S Indiana St., Los Angeles, CA 90023
	- Descripción del programa y temas especiales en GATE	6:15 – 7:15 p.m.	
<b>Jueves</b> 20 de febrero de 2020	- Información General Sobre el Examen OLSAT (para el 2 <sup>do</sup> año)	5:15 – 6:15 p.m.	<b>Distrito Local Oeste</b> Escuela Loyola Village 8821 Villanova Ave. Los Angeles, CA 90045
	- Descripción del programa y temas especiales en GATE	6:15 – 7:15 p.m.	
<b>Lunes</b> 24 de febrero de 2020	- Información General Sobre el Examen OLSAT (para el 2 <sup>do</sup> año)	5:15 – 6:15 p.m.	<b>Distrito Local Central</b> <b>Sotomayor HS (C)</b> 2050 N. San Fernando Rd. Los Angeles, CA 90065
	- Descripción del programa y temas especiales en GATE	6:15 – 7:15 p.m.	