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4th-5th Grade GATE Testing: Parent Notification & Permission to Test Form

Dear Parent or Guardian:

One of the goals of the TUSD GATE program is to identify students with exceptional abilities, well beyond grade or age expectations. TUSD GATE testing for identification purposes occurs only in grades 3-5.

How do students qualify for TUSD GATE?

There are two qualifiers for placement in the 2016-2017 TUSD GATE Program for 4-5th grade students:

<p>A) Intellectual Category Students scoring at or above the 95th percentile on the TUSD administrated GATE assessment (NNAT3 or OLSAT8) are identified.</p>	<p>B) High-Achievement Category Identification under this category is based on a combination of the scores achieved on both the most recent administrated TUSD GATE assessment (NNAT3 or OLSAT8) and the results from the 2016 Smarter Balanced Assessment (SBAC).</p>
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Who is eligible for TUSD GATE testing?

4-5 th Grade Student Taking TUSD GATE Test for the <u>First Time</u>	4-5 th Grade Student Taking TUSD GATE Test for the <u>Second Time</u>	Student Participated in TUSD GATE Test <u>Twice OR Already Identified TUSD GATE</u>
NNAT3 only	Choice between NNAT3 (or) OLSAT8	Not eligible for further testing.
<p><u>If your student qualifies for 4-5th grade GATE testing and you would like your student to participate, please complete and sign the permission form on the reverse side of this letter. Submit forms to your student's teacher by December 2, 2016.</u> Unlike the process for universal 3rd grade testing, 4-5th grade GATE testing requires parents to submit a signed permission form.</p>		

What are the differences between the NNAT3 and OLSAT8?

<p>NNAT3 (Naglieri Nonverbal Ability Test) The NNAT3 is used for initial testing in TUSD and assesses cognitive abilities, but strictly through nonverbal means. No vocabulary of any kind is used in the test. Instead, students are given visual images, designs and models which need to be organized and sequenced. Before beginning the test, our proctors tell students to look at the NNAT3 test like a game - a puzzle. The NNAT3 is administered through an online platform.</p>	<p>OLSAT8 (Otis Lennon School Ability Test) If your student has previously tested for GATE in TUSD, you now have a choice between the NNAT3 or the OLSAT8. The OLSAT8 measures verbal comprehension and reasoning, pictorial reasoning, figural reasoning, and quantitative reasoning through such tasks as detecting likenesses and differences, recalling words and numbers, defining words, following directions, classifying, establishing sequence, solving arithmetic problems, and completing analogies. The OLSAT8 is a paper and pencil assessment (scantron and test booklet).</p>
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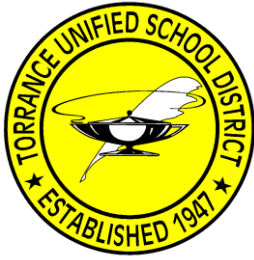
Students who participate in GATE testing will receive a score explanation generated by the test developer, Pearson Education. Along with the score report, you will receive a letter from the district indicating eligibility status for GATE placement. This information will be mailed home approximately 12 weeks after all testing is completed

Please refer to the GATE link on the district website (under the Departments and Educational Services tabs) for more information regarding GATE identification and services in TUSD. For further questions, please contact Heather Nakasuji, GATE Resource Teacher at nakasuji.heather@tusd.org.

Sincerely,

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Please return this page to your student's teacher by December 2, 2016. No late forms will be accepted.

4-5th Grade GATE Testing Schedule for 2016-2017			Carr	Yukon
Wood February 8, 2017	Arlington February 15, 2017	Edison February 16, 2017	Seaside February 17, 2017	Fern February 21, 2017
Torrance El. February 22, 2017	Lincoln February 23, 2017	Towers February 24, 2017	Anza February 27, 2017	Arnold February 28, 2017
Riviera March 1, 2017	Walteria March 2, 2017	Hickory March 7, 2017	Victor March 8, 2017	Adams March 9, 2017

Has your student been GATE tested by TUSD in the past two years?

Yes No

If you marked "Yes" to the previous question, which test would you like your student to take this year?

NNAT3 OLSAT8

**Please note, all initial testing in TUSD is completed using the NNAT3.
If no test preference is indicated, NNAT3 will be administered.**

Please print clearly.

I hereby give consent for my student to be tested for the Gifted and Talented Education program.

Printed Full Name of Student: _____

School Site: _____ Grade of Student: _____ Teacher: _____

Printed Full Name of Parent/Guardian: _____

Signature of Parent/Guardian: _____

Parent email address: _____

Parent Phone Number: () _____ Date: _____

FERN Healthy Ever After Snack Opt-Out Letter

Dear Parent/Guardian:

On **Monday, December 12, 2016**, the students at FERN school will be offered a special snack as part of the Healthy Ever After Nutrition Lesson #2. The healthy snack will include Organic, Gluten Free, Whole Grain, Low Sodium, Blue Corn Tortilla Chips with Guacamole. Please review the ingredients lists below and return this completed form and indicate if you **do not** want your child to eat the snack. Thank you.

Ingredients

Organic, Gluten Free, Whole Grain, Low Sodium, Blue Corn Tortilla Chips:
Stone ground corn, sunflower and/or safflower oil, sea salt, trace of lime.

Guacamole: Hass avocado, red bell pepper, serrano pepper, sugar, onion powder, salt, garlic, ascorbic acid, xanthan gum, lime juice, jalapeno pepper, citric acid, and cilantro.

Total Carbohydrates: 6.25 grams/serving
4.75 grams – 2 to 3 Blue Tortilla Chips
1.5 grams – 1 Tbsp of Guacamole

My child **DOES NOT** have permission to participate in the Healthy Ever After Snack on December 12, 2016. Please sign and return to your teacher.

(Student Name)

(Parent/Guardian Name)

(Teacher Name/Rm #)

(Parent/Guardian Signature)

Sculpt it Cute

Watch Me™ Sculpt

After-School
Art Lessons

OR SCULPT THEM GROSS

Please recycle

Fern Avenue Elementary School session dates:

11/7/16	11/28/16
11/14/16	12/5/16
11/21/16	12/12/16

Kindergarten class will be Mondays from 1:55 to 2:55

Grades 1-5 will be Mondays from 3:15 to 4:15.

\$72 for the 6-week session. (ALL SUPPLIES INCLUDED)

Watch Me Sculpt will meet at the outdoor lunch tables.

Minimum Days: Class to be held right after school.

Registration due 11/7/2016.

you DECIDE

You decide if you sculpt it cute, or sculpt it gross. We use the same clay as animation studios and professional sculptors!!

* All new projects! * Lessons designed by professional artists. * Students complete a project each week! * Increases fine motor coordination. *

Register at www.WatchMeSculpt.com or return form and check to the school office made payable to Oh, Rio! Productions.

For more info: watchmesculpt.com, 310.532.5992 or alex@ohrio.com.

Student(s) Name _____ Grade _____ Birthday _____ Sex: M / F

Address _____ City _____ Zip _____

Cell _____ Alt. Daytime # _____ Email Address _____

Parent's Name / Signature _____ Date _____

I waive any right to claim against Oh, Rio! Productions teachers, staff or owner in the event of an accident, injury or loss of personal items.

Health concerns (if any) _____  Cash / check # _____ Amount _____

Check if applicable: Pick my child up from onsite school care - Room #: _____ Drop my child off at onsite school care - Room #: _____



Fern Avenue Elementary School

