

## WHAT PROGRAMS ARE AVAILABLE FOR MY CHILD?

**Brixology**—Engineers Shape the World—STEAM program allows students to step in to the shoes of an engineer. Build a LEGO project inspired by an engineering theme.

**Creative Kids Studio**— Draw. Create. Illustrate. Learn color theory. Draw abstract art, pop art, and landscapes.

**Discovery Science**—students will have hands on experiences with different aspects of science.

**Mad Science**— Crazy ChemWorks: Learn the differences between physical & chemical changes through hands-on investigations. Ready, Set, Science!: Building your own Technicolor Blender while learning about the hidden components of light and investigate amazing optical illusions.

**Mission Code:** Learn and practice fundamental programming concepts like sequences, loops, algorithms, functions conditionals and variables of modern day technology.

**NASA**—Space Academy of Future Space Explorers. Follow stellar life cycles and build your own Skyblazer II Rocket to take home.

**Newton's Lab**—Science hand's on. Students will study density, physics, reactions, chemistry, and aerodynamics.

**Robotics**— Complete complex tasks and obstacles while building mechanical and robotic devices that obey commands.

**Spanish Explorers**—Students are introduced to the Spanish language using interactive methods.

**Team Adventurers**—Students focus on teamwork to get through a minefield and other obstacle courses.

**Young Rembrandts**—Discover the power of drawing while learning art history.

## GIFTED AND TALENTED EDUCATION

## GATE ENRICHMENT PROGRAM



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Nothing Less*

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With regard to excellence, it is not enough to know, but  
we must try to have and use it. – Aristotle

# WHAT IS THE GATE ENRICHMENT PROGRAM?

THE BUSD GATE PROGRAM IS FOR STUDENTS IN THIRD THROUGH SIXTH GRADES



The Bellflower Unified School

District proudly offers the GATE Enrichment Program for all BUSD GATE identified students. GATE students throughout the district will have the opportunity to select an enrichment class on a first come, first served basis. This program allows our highest achieving students the opportunity to extend their regular classroom learning and engage in rich meaningful educational experiences. The program may also generate early interest in specialized or elective programs.

## HOW CAN MY CHILD PARTICIPATE?

Each student identified in the GATE program may participate in the Enrichment Program. Classes are offered during the second and third trimesters of the school year. Students may choose to attend a class at their own elementary site or to join a class from another elementary school site. Students may take one class per session. Please note that district transportation will not be provided.

## HOW CAN WE SIGN UP?

Parents or guardians submit a registration/permission slip for students to participate in the program. Completed registration/permission slips will indicate student's first, second and third choices for each trimester and emergency contact information. Permission slips will be accepted on a first come, first served basis. Please turn in this permission slip to your child's school office.

## WHERE CAN WE OBTAIN A PERMISSION SLIP?

Permission slips will be distributed to parents during October Parent/Teacher conferences. After that they can be picked up from your child's elementary school office.

## WHEN ARE CLASS HELD?

Each session is six weeks long. Classes held on Tuesday and Thursday from 3:30 pm-4:30 pm.

*It is essential that your child be on time to class. If students arrive late or do not attend class, students on the waiting list will be given priority.*

### Winter Trimester: 6 Week Class Schedule

January 16, 2018 through February 22, 2018. January 25 is a minimum day. If you student has a GATE Enrichment class on that date the class will be held from 1:00—2:00 p.m. on this date ONLY.

### Spring Trimester: 6 Week Class Schedule

April 17, 2018 through May 31, 2018. *There will be no classes held during the week of May 7-11 due to Open House scheduling.*

## HOW WILL I KNOW IF MY CHILD IS ENROLLED INTO AN ENRICHMENT CLASS?

Parents or guardians will receive a confirmation letter by January 5, 2018 for the winter session and April 5, 2018 for the spring session. School offices will also have enrollment lists for your information.

## WHAT ARE THE CLASSES AVAILABLE?

Please refer to the GATE Enrichment Class Course Description on the back of this brochure.

## HOW WILL I BE NOTIFIED IF A CLASS IS CANCELLED?

Parents will be notified by phone call or written notification if the class is cancelled. It is BUSD's expectation that all classes will be held. If a regularly scheduled class is cancelled, it will be held during the make up week.

## WHAT SHOULD I EXPECT FOR THE FIRST DAY OF CLASS?

Teachers will take attendance and begin immediately. Any students on the waiting list will be admitted if there are no shows and there is space in the class.

## PARENT/GUARDIAN PICK UP

It is expected that students will be dropped off and picked up from class on time. There is no after class supervision.

## DATES TO REMEMBER WINTER SESSION

October 2, 2017: Registration begins  
November 9, 2017: Registration closes  
January 5, 2018: Letter Received  
January 16, 2018: Winter Session begins

## SPRING SESSION

January 19, 2018: Registration begins  
March 2, 2018: Registration closes  
April 5, 2018: Letters Received  
April 17, 2018: Spring Session begins