

WHAT PROGRAMS ARE AVAILABLE FOR MY CHILD?

Biology—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.

Chess Masters—Students learn the fundamentals game and how to play.

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

Illustration Station—Draw. Create. Illustrate. Learn to draw characters, scenes, story boards and create a 3 panel comic.

Mad Science—Learn the differences between physical & chemical changes through hands-on investigations. Experiment with inertia, gravity, the science behind magic tricks

NASA—Space Academy of Future Space Explorers

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

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 each trimester. 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. Wednesday's class sessions are 2:00 pm -3:00 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 17, 2017 through February 24, 2017. January 26 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, 2017 through June 2, 2017. *There will be no classes held during the week of May 8-12 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 4, 2016 for the winter session and April 4, 2016 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 Handout for more detailed class information. Information is also listed on BUSD website.

HOW WILL I BE NOTIFIED IF A CLASS IS CANCELLED?

Parents will be notified by phone call or email 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

October 7, 2016: Registration begins
November 17, 2016: Registration closes
January 6, 2017: Letters sent home with
January 17, 2017: Winter Session begins
April 17, 2017: Spring Session begins