



HUNTINGTON BEACH
CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT

HUNTINGTON BEACH CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT GIFTED AND TALENTED EDUCATION

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The Huntington Beach City School District has offered a Gifted and Talented Education (GATE) program since 1971, designed to meet the unique academic needs of identified students in grades 2–5. These students participate in a specialized curriculum through cluster programs available at all six elementary school sites. At the middle school level, students who meet course-specific criteria may enroll in honors or accelerated core and mathematics classes.

All first-grade students will take the Naglieri Nonverbal Ability Test (NNAT3) in their classrooms during the winter months. Parents will be notified in advance of their child's testing date and will have the option to opt their child out of the assessment.

Students in grades 1–4 are tested in January and February for possible placement into the GATE program for the following school year.

The GATE identification process includes a comprehensive assessment using multiple measures, including:

- Performance on the NNAT3
- Teacher Inventory of Gifted Characteristics
- Most recent statewide or standardized assessment results
- Achievement in English Language Arts and Mathematics (e.g., advanced scores on year-end district assessments or report card grades)

Each student may be assessed up to two times between grades 1 and 4.

Parents are encouraged to consider their child's developmental level and academic performance when determining the most appropriate year for GATE assessment.

For students in grades 2–4, a completed GATE Assessment Consent Form is required to participate in testing. Forms may be submitted from December 3–19, 2025, in one of the following ways:

- Online at www.hbcasd.k12.ca.us/gate under Parent Resources
- By phone through the GATE office at (714) 964-8888 ext. 2040

The final day to submit the consent form is December 19, 2025.