

Pacific Beach Middle School

An International Baccalaureate World School

Gifted and Talented Education (GATE) Enrollment Process

PBMS recognizes the needs of gifted learners and has developed a programming model that offers a challenging and explorative curriculum for both GATE Seminar and GATE Cluster students. The humanities focus of this curriculum is enhanced by the principles of the International Baccalaureate Middle Years Programme (MYP) and follows the most current SDUSD guidelines for enrollment which are readily available for reference at the district website.

(<http://www.sandi.net/Page/67459>) These guidelines are based on the Raven Progressive Matrices scores with additional determining factors for consideration.

GATE Seminar: 99.9 percentile score or 99.6 – 99.8 percentile (or above) score with at least one factor.

GATE Cluster: 98 percentile (or above) score or 95 percentile (or above) score with at least one factor.

Scoring Factors: SDUSD recognized criteria for GATE consideration.

Economic - Free/Reduced Lunch Eligibility

**Language – CA English Language Development Test (CELDT)
Range Beginning to Intermediate**

Disability – Active Individualized Education Plan (IEP) or 504 Plan

Enrollment in the PBMS GATE program is subject to many variables including district funding, class size and total enrollment. The following placement guidelines are managed by the site administration:

- 1) All GATE Seminar identified students are placed in GATE Seminar classes per SDUSD guidelines.
- 2) Any available seats in GATE Seminar classes are offered to GATE Cluster students in ranked order as determined by their Raven percentile. (❖)
- 3) In the event of matching Raven results, the following criteria will be considered (in order) for GATE Seminar placement:
 - a) Available, comparative SDUSD approved standardized test scores in English (reading comprehension/writing)
 - b) Available, comparative SDUSD approved standardized test scores in Math (English is prioritized due to the PBMS GATE Humanities focus)
 - c) GPA or standards-based grade reporting from previous school year
- 4) All GATE Cluster identified students are placed in GATE Cluster classes per SDUSD guidelines.
- 5) Any available seats in GATE Cluster classes are offered to recommended students in ranked order as determined by items 3a through 3c (❖)

(❖) Placement of non-identified students is subject to review each year and is not guaranteed. The administration reserves the discretion to properly place any student enrolling in PBMS after the start of the school year.