MMS GATE Placement Policy

Placement in GATE or Seminar classes at Marshall is automatic for students who are “District identified,” having met the qualifications for placement in the GATE or Seminar program based on achieving a qualifying score on the district’s CogAT GATE test.

Placement in GATE cluster classes for students who are not “District identified,” but who meet Marshall’s “22-23” site-based GATE criteria, is NOT automatic. Parents of students who meet Marshall’s site-based GATE criteria (see below) must notify the Marshall Counseling Department via email/in writing that they are requesting GATE Cluster placement. In addition, they need to mail, email (jbecker1@sandi.net), FAX (858-549-5490) or bring in a copy of the documentation, which proves that they meet the one of the following criteria:

- A minimum of three “4’s” and two “3’s” on the most recent 5th grade standards-based report card in the subject area of English Language Arts
- A minimum score of 121 (90th percentile) on the CogAT GATE test (or on another school administered IQ test from a different district)

Students MUST be Seminar identified on the CogAT GATE test (or have an equivalent score on a school administered IQ test from a different district) to be placed in Seminar classes. No exceptions will be made to this policy.