## GIFTED AND ACADEMICALLY TALENTED EDUCATION (GATE)

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Dear Parents:

Nominations for inclusion in the District’s Gifted and Academically Talented Education (GATE) program for the 2023/24 school year have begun.

The District’s GATE program begins in 3rd grade. While teachers will be nominating students in grades 2 through 8, **parents can also request to have their child nominated for inclusion in the GATE program.** This screening will include: teacher observations, state test scores when available, MAP scores, enrollment at a Title I school, free or reduced lunch eligibility, English Language Learner designation, Special Education or Section 504 identification, and cognitive testing. The CogAT, the cognitive testing, will be administered at Bordewich, Fritsch, and Seeliger the week of February 28th- March 3rd. At Fremont, Mark Twain, and Empire, the CogAT will be administered the week of March 7th-March 10th. The CogAT will be administered at CMS, EVMS, and Pioneer Academy the week of March 14th-March 17th.

If you would like to have your child considered for the Gifted and Academically Talented Education program:

1. Please contact your child’s teacher and ask him/her to nominate your child.
2. Complete and sign a Parent Authorization for Eligibility Testing form that your child’s teacher will provide.

Once the screening process has been completed in April of 2023, you will receive written notification of your child’s eligibility for participation in the GATE program for 2023/24.

If you have any questions about this process, please contact me at 283-1591 or by e-mail at jkaiser@carson.k12.nv.us.

Sincerely,

Joanna Kaiser

GATE Implementation Specialist