

G.A.T.E. Parent Meeting

Thursday, November 3, 2016

6:00 p.m.

G.A.T.E. Parent Meeting Agenda

- **GATE District Advisory Council Parent Representative** – WHS needs a volunteer for this position – must be parent/legal guardian of a GATE student
- GATE offerings at CVUSD – check CVUSD website, download app
- Under-achieving GATE Students -- thrive on step-by-step organization skills
- Challenges for GATE students – boredom, loneliness
- Differentiation – all teachers differentiate material in all classes and have GATE status in computer
- Guest Speaker: Dr. Jeng, Jeng Academy

(Under-)Achievement of GATE students

- GATE students understand material quickly and intuitively
- Repetitive work is difficult – GATE students thrive on novelty and depth of knowledge
- In high school, non-GATE students who have excellent study skills may earn higher grades in Honors and AP classes – the GATE student who has been relying on getting good grades without studying hard may not be prepared for rigorous work demands of Honors and AP classes
- GATE students can feel like a failure, guilty and not understand how they are gifted – understanding and self-awareness of her/his GATE traits are the beginning of lifelong learning in this area for future success in college and work

Challenges of GATE students

- Handout: Bright Child vs Gifted Child
- Guilt for not earning high grades
- Loneliness – difficulty relating to peers of same age
- Intellectually advanced
- Over-identifying with other people, causes = empathetic = advanced concept
- Intensity of emotion, intellect
- Intolerance of unpleasant odors, textures, or unaesthetic environment
- Boredom

Differentiation

- Teachers in all classes incorporate higher level thinking, “big-idea” concepts in their curriculum to meet intellectual needs of their GATE students
- Counselors meet with students and ensure that the student is reaching their potential as a GATE student – this may have many forms: acceleration in an outside activity? Music? Academics?
- Parents – acknowledgement of the differences between a bright child and a GATE student, providing enrichment, opportunities to reach potential, and structure

Final thoughts...

- Self-Awareness is the first step in a student's understanding of their loneliness, boredom, insomnia, overactive mind
- Organization and study skills need to be learned
- Reaching potential – parent and school need to listen and assist child