



GATE Mission, Vision and Philosophy Statements

Mission:

The GATE program maximizes opportunities beyond the traditional educational experience for students demonstrating superior gifts and talents, helping them realize their full potential.

Organizational Vision:

Giftedness and high potential in children and youth are recognized, universally valued, actively supported and developed. (National Association for Gifted Children - NAGC)

Philosophy:

Blaine County School District provides direct services in a GATE Program developed specifically for students grades K-12 who demonstrate superior ability, talent, and intellectual potential, in a specific academic area, in creativity, in leadership, and/or in the visual/performing arts. The purpose of the program for gifted students is to identify giftedness in all populations. The GATE program exists to provide enhanced opportunities both within and beyond the regular classroom.

The GATE program recognizes that students with identified gifts and talents often require differentiated instruction and opportunities. GATE Facilitators and regular classroom teachers will work together to ensure that the educational needs of GATE students are met in the regular classroom and in specialized, enrichment settings. These enrichment settings are designed to provide pupils with learning extensions which afford them avenues for in-depth exploring, experiencing, and expressing individual strengths. Activities are designed to assist students in capitalizing on their unique abilities, interests, and needs, as well as providing the opportunity to experience social interaction with their gifted peers. A curriculum rich with cognitive, creative, and effective opportunities will be provided for every GATE student.