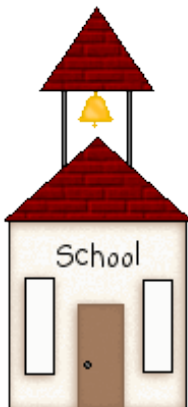




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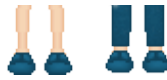


"Electing the American President"

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Description



Gifted And Talented Education (GATE) is an umbrella term used to describe the program that serves the needs of gifted and talented students in Washington County Schools. The services include differentiated instruction, enrichment activities commonly called EPIC (Expansion Programs for Individual Capabilities), and other associated middle and high school activities, including Governor's Schools, regional and state band and chorus, and Advanced Placement classes. Instruction is differentiated when the teacher adapts coursework to challenge gifted students within the context of the classroom.

MIDDLE SCHOOL GATE PROGRAMS

Middle School - Programs for middle school age gifted students are based upon differentiated classroom instruction. Acceleration and enrichment are offered as deemed necessary. Gifted education funds pay for fees and other expenses permitting eligible students to participate in the Regional and State competitions for band and chorus. Students who qualify may enroll in World Geography, Algebra I & Spanish I for high school credit. Middle school students are eligible to attend the Emory & Henry Summer Scholars program, along with the Washington County Summer GATE Camp.

IDENTIFICATION PROCESS

Students are referred for the Gifted Identification Process by screening of standardized test scores, as well as by referrals from school staff, parents, and students. The areas of giftedness served include: General Intellectual Aptitude (K-12), Specific Academic Aptitude (6-12), Visual and Performing Arts (6-12), and Technical and Practical Arts (9-12). Following the screening process, students are evaluated using a combination of objective testing, subjective rating from teachers and parents, and examination of the student's work. Upon scoring, the results are graphed. Determination of eligibility is made without weighing any one measure more than another. An appeals process for identification decisions is available. Once a student is identified as gifted, he/she is eligible to remain in the program until he/she graduates from high school. Students who transfer and have been receiving services for gifted education from a district outside the county are referred for evaluation. They are then evaluated for GATE. A student may cease to participate in the GATE program through parental, teacher or staff request, following appropriate procedures.

[Washington County Schools GATE information. Click on handbook for parent information.](#)



Announcements

Our theme this year is *The Road to the White House*
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Future Dates:

September 10-Gate Meeting (3: 10-4: 30)

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October 03-Field Trip to the National Story Telling Festival

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October 15-Gate Meeting (3: 10-4: 30)

October 17-Presidential Debates

October 22-Gate Meeting (3: 10-4: 30)

October 29-Gate Meeting (3: 10-4: 30)

October 30-Presidential Election Day

The Gate students attended the National Story Telling Festival on Friday, October 05, 2007. Students visited four story telling tents and heard some great tales! Below is a picture of our Gate students in beautiful downtown Jonesborough, TN.





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