

**PALOS VERDES PENINSULA UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT
GATE IDENTIFICATION**

Dear Parent:

As outlined in the PVPUSD GATE Plan, all students in Grade 4 and 6 have the opportunity to take the Naglieri Nonverbal Ability Test (NNAT3) assessment for possible identification as a PVPUSD GATE student. **This assessment is administered online, during the school day, and takes approximately 30 minutes to complete.** The online administration of the NNAT3 has been approved by the PVPUSD Board of Education and requires parent/guardian permission for the student to take the assessment at school. Each site principal or designee will proctor the test in school during the month of September.

The NNAT3 test is a nonverbal measure of general ability that yields a norm-based score, helpful in identifying students with the potential for advanced achievement or aptitude. NNAT3 provides a nonverbal, culturally-neutral assessment of general ability that is ideal for use with a diverse student population. With the use of progressive matrices across grade levels, this versatile test is well-suited for identifying gifted and talented students. The test features pictorial direction and requires no spoken or written language, making it particularly useful for also assessing who might be English language learners or who may have difficulty with reading. The NNAT3 is based on the notion that to learn new things, students must be able to perceive accurately, to recognize and recall what has been perceived, to think logically, to understand relationships, to abstract from a set of particulars, and to apply generalizations to new and different contexts. These processes are measured through performance on such tasks as detecting likenesses and differences, following directions, classifying, establishing sequence, completing analogies, and solving matrixes.

A copy of the report and a letter informing you of your child's status as a GATE student will be mailed to your home by the end of October.

If you would like to have your child participate in the GATE identification process and take the NNAT3 at school, please complete the permission form below. ***This permission form must be returned to your child's classroom teacher by Wednesday, September 19th.***

The NNAT3 will be administered to your child on Wednesday, September 26

Please contact your child's school principal for specific questions regarding the test administration.

The GATE Advisory Committee meets on a regular basis to review and support the GATE Plan. Please see our district website for more information at:
https://www.pvpusd.net/apps/pages/index.jsp?uREC_ID=373713&type=d&pREC_ID=848372

Sincerely,

Kelli Keller
Executive Director, Curriculum and Instruction

Return to your **child's classroom teacher**

By Wednesday, September 19th

YES I want my child to take the NNAT3 assessment in order to possibly be eligible for identification as a GATE student.

NO I do not want my child to take the NNAT3 assessment. I understand that without this information, my child will not be eligible for identification as GATE a student.

**Student
Name:**

School:

Teacher:

Grade:

Date:

Parent Name:

**Parent
Signature:**
