Gifted/Talented Programs
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How to Apply to a Gifted/Highly Gifted Magnet

It’s time once again for the Choices application process to begin. If you are interested in learning more about LAUSD magnet options, this information is for you.

What is a magnet program? Magnet programs are court-ordered voluntary integration opportunities available to students living within the LAUSD boundaries. District-paid transportation may be provided for applicants residing outside a two-mile radius for Elementary (K–5); and a five-mile radius for Secondary (6–12) who meet specific District guidelines. The magnet schools/centers offer self-contained classes and place emphasis on developing higher-level thinking skills in a demanding academic program for students who are entering grades 1–12.

The application window opens on October 4, 2016 and closes on November 10, 2016. Beginning October 4, parents may apply online at eChoices.lausd.net.

Paper applications are available district-wide at schools, Local District Offices, Parent Community and Student Services Branch (PCSS), Los Angeles City Libraries, or by calling the Office of Student Integration Services directly at (213) 241-4177.

WHEN APPLYING TO A GIFTED/HIGHLY GIFTED/ HIGH ABILITY MAGNET PROGRAM, APPLICANTS MUST:

- Be verified as eligible to apply by the current school of attendance or
- Be identified as Gifted by LAUSD in the Intellectual, High Achievement or Specific Academic Ability Categories (Students applying to a Highly Gifted Magnet must have a verified score of 99.9% on an intellectual assessment by a LAUSD designated GATE psychologist. If space is available, students with a score of 99.5% and above will also be accepted.) and

- Reside within the LAUSD boundaries at the time of application and while participating in the magnet program.

For a list of Gifted/Highly Gifted/High Ability Magnets go to achieve.lausd.net/gate and click on “GATE Program Options.”

For information regarding the process of application and student selection, call Student Integration Services at (213) 241-4177.

NEW: For verification process call Student Integration Services at (213) 241-6572.

The Conservatory of Fine Arts

Too many LAUSD parents have never heard about our amazing Conservatory of Fine Arts. Established in 1981, the Conservatory of Fine Arts is a 24-week Saturday morning program offered at California State University, Los Angeles through the Gifted/Talented Programs Office of the Los Angeles Unified School District. It is open to third through twelfth grade students attending LAUSD schools, who reside within LAUSD boundaries and have been "identified" in the visual and performing arts areas or have been recommended by their schools. The Conservatory is an instructional program providing differentiated instruction with a broad and varied curriculum to students identified as gifted in the arts and to motivated talented students.

Beginning this year, Gifted/Talented Programs implemented a convenient online application process. (Over 500 families submitted applications online.)

Invitation letters will go out at the end of September and classes begin in October.

Please call our office if you have any questions. We are here to help.

LAUSD Core Beliefs: 1. Start with students, 2. Families are our partners, 3. Success is in the classroom, 4. Diversity is our strength, 5. Effective teaching, leadership, and accountability are the keys to our success.