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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.

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Application Information: Schools for Advanced Studies (SAS)

The Schools for Advanced Studies (SAS) Program offers an intensive academic articulated program in which both innovative and traditional courses are taught. The course content is modified to match the students' achievement level or capacity for learning. The SAS program is offered to students living within LAUSD boundaries who are verified by the school of attendance as meeting one of the following criteria:

- Students currently on the magnet waiting list for gifted/high ability or highly gifted magnet centers.
- Students identified as gifted/talented in the Intellectual, High Achievement, or Specific Academic categories.
- Students who have national percentile scores of 85% or above on standardized achievement tests in both total Reading and total Math.
- Students who have scaled scores on the CST (450 ELA and 455 Math, or 455 or above for grades 8 and above in Math content subjects).
- Students who demonstrate mastery of all four of the critical thinking and problem-solving skills in their primary language.

SAS schools should not deviate from District policy by creating their own SAS applications, criteria and/or timelines. Accordingly, a school cannot request additional information of the student, parent, or student's current school of attendance (e.g., multiple years of test scores, report

card grades, teacher recommendation, audition, etc.). SAS schools may request a portfolio or interview of young children only (grades K/1).

The application period for the 2013-2014 school year is **April 2 to April 30, 2013**. Students may apply to more than one SAS school. Notification of acceptance should be sent by May 10, 2013.

For a list of SAS schools and to download the application, please go to www.lausd.net/gate and click on "Program Options." For more information or questions about the qualifying criteria, please call Gifted/Talented Programs at (213) 241-6500.

Gifted Children's Bill of Rights



You have a right...

- ...to know about your giftedness.
- ...to learn something new everyday.
- ...to be passionate about your talent area without apologies.
- ...to have an identity beyond your talent area.
- ...to feel good about your accomplishments.
- ...to make mistakes.
- ...to seek guidance in the development of your talent.
- ...to have multiple peer groups and a variety of friends.
- ...to choose which of your talent areas you wish to pursue.
- ...not to be gifted at everything.

—Del Siegle, 2007-2009 NAGC President



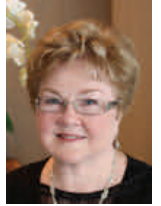
Calling All GATE/SAS Parents!

Would you like to learn more about LAUSD GATE Programs? Are you looking for strategies and resources to support the academic, artistic and/or social-emotional needs of your gifted and talented child? Then come to the Fourth Annual GATE/SAS Parent Conference on Saturday, **April 20th at Virgil Middle School from 8:30 am-12:30 pm**. There will be a variety of speakers and workshops* covering topics such as understanding the gifted brain, incorporating the arts into instruction, using technology as a tool for learning, supporting the social-emotional needs of the gifted child, choosing appropriate books for advanced readers, preparing your Middle/High School child for college and many others!

This event is free to LAUSD GATE/SAS parents and families. No prior registration is necessary. Onsite registration and refreshments will be from 7:30-8:30 am. Come and join us for a day of inspiration and learning!

(*Some workshops will have translation services in Spanish)

Meet Dr. Bertie Kingore



Gifted/Talented Programs is pleased to announce Dr. Bertie Kingore as the keynote speaker at the Fourth Annual GATE/SAS Parent Conference. During her keynote address, she will discuss "Understanding and Nurturing Your Gifted Child." She will also present a special session titled "Differentiation 101: Nurturing Continuous Learning."

Dr. Kingore is an international consultant who has worked with students, teachers, and parents for over 30 years. She has received many honors including the 2011 Texas Association for the Gifted and Talented (TAGT) President's Award and the Outstanding Alumnus Award from the University of North Texas where she earned her Ph.D. She is a past President of TAGT and was also recognized as the first Texas Gifted Educator of the Year. Her award-winning educational materials have helped nurture young minds around the world. Dr. Kingore and her husband, Richard, are the parents of three gifted sons whose needs and talents fuel her dedication to gifted education. Come see her at the conference and/or visit her on the web at www.bertiekingore.com!

DATES TO REMEMBER



- **SAS Application Period:** 4/2–4/30
- **Application Deadline for Gifted Identification in Visual and Performing Arts:** 04/24
- **Notification Deadline for Acceptance into SAS:** 5/10
- **Auditions and Demonstrations for Gifted Identification in Visual and Performing Arts at Cal State LA (by invitation only):** 05/18
- **Memorial Day (No School):** 5/27
- **Last Day for Traditional schools:** 6/7
- **Last Day for Multi-Track Schools (Tracks A,B,C):** 6/28

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