



# GIFTED/TALENTED PROGRAMS

333 S. Beaudry Ave., 25th Floor, Los Angeles, CA 90017

## Requirements for an Audition in the Performing Arts (for GATE Identification, Grades 2-12)

### Audition Dates:

3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday in November  
and

3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday in May

**DANCE** Student will not be allowed to participate if attire is not appropriate.

- ◆ Student participates in a warm-up.
- ◆ Prepare a one-minute, age-appropriate dance to music that is selected and prepared prior to the audition. Student should bring their music on a CD or device (charged or with fresh batteries) with downloaded music cued to the starting point and know how to operate the device on their own since parents are not allowed in the audition rooms. No streaming of music allowed. Dance style and musical choices are open and **must be age-appropriate** (e.g., ballet, tap, hip hop, etc.).
- ◆ Perform a short dance improvisation.
- ◆ Perform a short sequence of choreographed movements, if necessary.
- ◆ Student should wear appropriate dance clothing (no costumes, big shirts, jeans, or oversized sweats). Students may wear black and white leotards, tights, t-shirts, sweats and appropriate dance shoes or bare feet. Long hair should be tied back or pinned up neatly.

**DRAMA** No costumes. Comfortable clothing is recommended.

- ◆ Student prepares presentation which may be a memorized 15–30 line **age-appropriate** monologue or acting routine from a play of your choice (Max. 2 min.); no profanity.
- ◆ Student should be prepared to give a cold reading or an improvisation on a piece assigned by the evaluator at the audition.

**VOICE** Student should bring either sheet music for an accompanist (or their own accompanist) or a device they can operate on their own with music **only** as an accompaniment (charged or with fresh batteries) with music cued to the starting point. No streaming of music allowed.

### Selection must be age-appropriate.

- ◆ Be prepared to sing one verse and chorus of an age-appropriate song selected and prepared prior to the audition. (Singing a song a capella is not recommended.)
- ◆ Listen to and sing back intervals and rhythms played on the piano.
- ◆ Sing a song taught by the evaluator at the audition.

### Conduct During Assessment:

Students displaying unacceptable behavior will be asked to leave.

### Contact School of Attendance to Start Paperwork

- ◆ Students must attend LAUSD schools and reside within LAUSD boundaries.
- ◆ All Charter Schools within LAUSD boundaries must contact the Charter Schools Division to request the Fee-for-Service Form and submit it with the application in order for students to participate.
- ◆ School initiates the referral in MiSiS and submits student paperwork four weeks prior to audition date.
- ◆ Log onto [achieve.lausd.net/gate](http://achieve.lausd.net/gate), click GATE Identification and select Identification Categories for additional information.

**Evaluation:** Students will be evaluated based on a number of criteria including the Visual and Performing Arts Content Standards for California Public Schools: <http://www.cde.ca.gov/be/st/ss/documents/vpastandards.pdf>



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## GATE Identification

Categories are:  
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- ◆ Intellectual Ability
- ◆ High Achievement Ability
- ◆ Specific Academic Ability
- ◆ **Performing Arts Ability**
- ◆ Visual Arts Ability
- ◆ Creative Ability
- ◆ Leadership Ability

## Special points of interest:

- ◆ Students whose paperwork is complete and legible will be invited by letter. The letter must be presented at registration.
- ◆ Arrive on time (Registration begins at 9:00 a.m.)!
- ◆ Student selection in dance, drama and voice must be age-appropriate.
- ◆ One audition per year, per category.
- ◆ **November/May cancellations** must be in writing to GATE Office prior to the assessment—fax is 213-241-8975.
- ◆ Parents will receive letter of eligibility approximately 4-6 weeks after audition.

## Contact Information

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