GIFTED/TALENTED PROGRAMS (GATE)
333 S. Beaudry Ave., 25th Floor, Los Angeles, CA 90017

Requirements for the Demonstration in the Visual Arts
(for GATE Identification, Grades 2–12)

Audition Dates:
3rd Saturday in November and
3rd Saturday in May

Demonstration
- The demonstration in visual arts consists of two exercises:
  1. An evaluation of the student’s portfolio of recent artwork.
  2. Two on-site drawings (pencil still life and mixed media free drawing)

Student Portfolio
- Portfolio should contain no more than 6–10 pieces of artwork, clearly marked with student’s name, that reflects the student as an artist.
- Portfolio should contain the student’s latest artwork.
- Portfolio should contain a variety of artwork that includes a selection of media but is not limited to the following:
  1. Watercolor
  2. Portrait
  3. Pencil drawing
  4. Landscape
  5. Figure drawing
  6. Collage
  7. Still life
  8. Charcoal
  9. Pastels
  10. Photography
  11. Paintings (any media)
  12. Three-dimensional work

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, 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

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!
- Student artwork must be contained in either a commercial portfolio or a student-made folder.
- Art supplies will be furnished. No personal supplies.
- One demonstration per year for each student.
- November/May cancellations must be submitted to GATE Office prior to the assessment—fax is 213-241-8975.
- Parents will receive letter of eligibility approximately 4–6 weeks after demonstrations.

Contact Information
Gifted/Talented Programs
213-241-6500
Fax 213-241-8975

Conservatory of Fine Arts, Grades 3–12
Program Director: Christine Mallouf, Visual Arts

PROGRAM OPTION:
LAUSD students talented in the arts who wish to attend the Saturday Conservatory:
A. Apply online at apply.lausd.net.
   - Print the School Verification Form and have it signed by the principal
   - Print and complete the emergency information form. Return both forms to the GATE office by the end of the first week in September
B. Contact the LAUSD school of attendance and request the Conservatory application issued late July/early August and the emergency information form
   - Return the signed application with the Student Emergency Information form to the GATE office by the end of the first week in September.
   - The Saturday Conservatory of Fine Arts begins in October and ends in April. Selected qualifying students will be invited by letter, which must be presented at registration.
   - Students identified gifted in the performing arts category (new and returning) will have enrollment priority.
   - Returning students have continuous enrollment.
   - Classes are standards-based.