

**Los Angeles Unified School District
Conducts Auditions in the Performing Arts
the Third Saturday in November & May...**

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)

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 a device (charged or with fresh batteries) with music cued to the starting point. 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 poem or 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 with music only as an accompaniment (charged or with fresh batteries) with music cued to the starting point. **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.

Audition Dates:
**November 19, 2016 &
May 20, 2017**

- ◆ 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>

7 Categories of GATE Identification

Categories are:

- ◆ 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 (30 min. before the audition!)
- Student selection in dance, drama and voice must be age-appropriate.
- One audition per year, per category.
- **November cancellations** must be in writing to GATE Office prior to the assessment—fax is 213-241-8975.
- **Cancellations for May** require a new application.
- Parents will receive letter of eligibility approximately 8-10 weeks after audition.

Conservatory of Fine Arts, Grades 3-12 Program Director: Karen McDonald, Performing 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 or
- B. Contact the LAUSD school of attendance and request the Conservatory application issued late July/early August and the emergency information form and

- 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 May. 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.

Contact Information
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