

Gifted/Talented Programs 2025-2026 AT-A-GLANCE:

Deadlines, Policy Documents and Contact Information

Date	Event/Task	Document/Location	Send to/Contact:
Month of	GATE Coordinator Training	Register in MyPLN:	Dr. Nicole
September	All school GATE coordinators are	lausd.org/mypln	Niederdeppe,
	required to attend the asynchronous		District Coordinator
	GATE Coordinator Training.		nnn8729@lausd.net
	Schools for Advanced Studies (SAS)		Kevin Kilpatrick,
	Coordinator Training		District Coordinator
	All school GATE coordinators are		kevin.kilpatrick@
	required to attend either the		<u>lausd.net</u>
	asynchronous or in-person Fall SAS		
	Coordinator Training, in addition to GATE		
	Coordinator training.		
Thursday,	Fall GATE Coordinator Training Q & A	3:00-4:00 p.m. via Zoom	Dr. Nicole
September	Drop-In Session	https://lausd.zoom.us/j/98152	Niederdeppe,
25	This optional session is to be attended	<u>23053</u>	District Coordinator
	after viewing the asynchronous training.		nnn8729@lausd.net
Monday,	New Cycle Schools for Advanced	4:00-5:30 p.m. at Berendo	Kevin Kilpatrick,
September	Studies (SAS) Coordinator Training	Middle School	District Coordinator
29	This training is required for sites that		kevin.kilpatrick@
	have been selected for the SAS		lausd.net
	designation for the 2026-2031 cycle.		
Wednesday,	Assessment Packets for GATE	Policy	Email referral
October 15	Identification in the Visual and	Bulletin: <i>Policy for Assessing</i>	documents to:
	Performing Arts	and Identifying Students for	GATE@lausd.net
	- Los Angeles Unified schools and	Gifted/Talented Programs	(preferred method)
	affiliated charter schools must submit		(10.0.0
	referrals through MiSiS.	Referral Guidelines	Or School Mail:
	- Assessment packets (one-sided	Reference Guide: Guidelines	Gifted/Talented
	originals) must be received through	for Identifying Students as	Programs
	school mail or email by October 15 th to	Gifted in the Visual and	Beaudry Site,
	be considered for fall auditions and	Performing Arts	25 th Floor
	demonstrations, scheduled for	Tononing Arts	Attn.: Visual and
	Saturday, November 15 th .	Referral Templates	Performing Arts
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		guides	Do not hand-deliver
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	The on-time application process for Choices programs begins October 1, 2025.	Paper applications are included in the 2026-2027 Choices brochure, available at all Los Angeles Unified Regional offices and parent centers; paper applications must be mailed in the envelope provided in the Choices brochure.	apply.lausd.net or paper application mailed to: Choices P.O. Box 513307 Los Angeles, CA 90051 Choices Inquiries: (213) 241-4177 applyforschools@lausd.net
Friday,	Deadline for Verification of Eligibility	General Information	Verification forms
December 5	for Gifted Magnet Programs and	<u>choices.lausd.net</u>	emailed by the
	Schools for Advanced Studies-	gate.lausd.org	school of
	Non-LAUSD Students	(213) 241-4177	attendance to:
	- For an applicant to be eligible, the		giftedverification@
	student must be verified as meeting		lausd.net
	one of the program-specific criteria		or mailed by the
	outlined in the Choices brochure		school of
	(pages 7-8) prior to the specified deadline.		attendance to: Choices
	- The parents/guardians of private		P.O. Box 513307
	school, independent charter, and		Los Angeles, CA
	non-LAUSD students who are applying		90051
	to Gifted Magnet or SAS must follow		00001
	the procedures outlined in the		Email submission of
	Choices brochure (pages 7-8) and		Verification of
	verify that the student's current school		Eligibility forms is
	of attendance has submitted the		strongly
	required verification form.		recommended; the
			sender will receive a
			confirmation of
			receipt.
Friday,	Deadline for Reporting Schools for	Policy:	Online in MiSiS:
December 19	Advanced Studies (SAS) Student	Memorandum: Schools for	lausd.org/misis
	Participation Data in My Integrated	Advanced Studies (SAS):	
	Student Information System (MiSiS)	Reporting Student	
	- To ensure equitable access and	Participation in MiSiS	
	appropriate programming, all	Training for reporting CAC	
	designated SAS sites (including	Training for reporting SAS	
	Affiliated Charter School sites) are	student participation in MiSiS will be available in November	
	required, annually, to report SAS		
	student participation data for qualified SAS participants.	and December 2025; register in MyPLN.	
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Friday, January 30	Deadline for Online Verification for Gifted Magnet/SAS- Los Angeles Unified Students - Deadline for school administrator or designee to verify eligibility for District students applying to Gifted Magnet Programs or Schools for Advanced Studies (SAS) for 2026-2027 in the Principal's Portal. - Online Gifted Magnet/SAS Verification System scheduled to open January 12, 2026 (subject to change.)	Policy: Memorandum: Online Verification for Gifted Magnet and Schools for Advanced Studies (SAS) Applicants. Optional trainings on the verification process will be held on December 11, 2025; registration is available at lausd.org/mypln	Online verification in the Principal's Portal: http://principalportal. lausd.net
Month of February	GATE Coordinator Training All school GATE Coordinators are required to attend the asynchronous GATE Coordinator training. Schools for Advanced Studies (SAS) Coordinator Training All school GATE coordinators are required to attend either the asynchronous or in-person Fall SAS Coordinator Training, in addition to GATE Coordinator training. OLSAT-8 Training All GATE and/or testing coordinators at schools with second grade students are required to attend this asynchronous training.	Register in MyPLN: lausd.org/mypln	Dr. Nicole Niederdeppe, District Coordinator nnn8729@lausd.net Kevin Kilpatrick, District Coordinator kevin.kilpatrick@ lausd.net Wynne Wong- Cheng, District Coordinator, Psychological Services wynne.wong@lausd .net
February TBD	OLSAT-8 Training Q & A Session The Spring OLSAT-8 Training will be offered asynchronously in MyPLN during the month of February.	3:00-4:00 p.m. via Zoom (Link TBD)	Wynne Wong- Cheng, District Coordinator, Psychological Services wynne.wong@lausd .net
February TBD	Schools for Advanced Studies (SAS) Candidate Status Coordinator Training This in-person training is required for all schools that are designated SAS Candidate Status for the 2026-2031 cycle.	Location : TBD	Kevin Kilpatrick, District Coordinator kevin.kilpatrick@ lausd.net

Thursday, February 26	Spring Coordinator Training Q & A Drop-In This optional session is to be attended after viewing the asynchronous training.	3:00-4:00 p.m. via Zoom	Dr. Nicole Niederdeppe, District Coordinator nnn8729@lausd.net
Month of March	OLSAT-8 Test administered to all second-grade students Districtwide. Schools must administer the OLSAT-8 within the specified testing window during the regular school day.	Policy: Memorandum: 2025–2026 OLSAT-8 Administration (pending)	Wynne Wong- Cheng, District Coordinator, Psychological Services wynne.wong@lausd .net
Friday, April 10	Deadline for Assessment Packets for GATE Identification in the Intellectual Ability Category - Los Angeles Unified schools must submit referrals through MiSiS and complete all required fields. - Teacher Checklist must be completed in MiSiS. - Required paper documents must be mailed to your school's assigned designated GATE psychologist for review. - Charter schools authorized by Los Angeles Unified must include the signed Fee-for-Service form in the assessment packet. - Please do not submit referrals for matriculating students after December 19, 2025. To avoid delays: - Do not send referrals for the Intellectual Ability category to the Beaudry building. - Do not send the Intellectual Ability referrals together with any other category. Important: - For scanning purposes, each document in a referral must meet the following criteria: legible, onesided originals, blue/black ink,	Programs website gate.lausd.org under "District Communications."	Mail referrals to your school's Designated GATE Psychologist (DGP). The list of DGP school assignments can be found under the Educator's page on gate.lausd.org -

	white paper, no staples, or highlighted areas Photographs of documents are not accepted.		
Saturday, April 11	17 th Annual Symposium on Gifted Education and Advanced Learning Virtual Synchronous Event	Register in MyPLN in March 2026: <u>lausd.org/mypln</u>	Rasienna Forss, District Specialist rasienna.willars@la usd.net
Wednesday, April 15	Assessment Packets for GATE Identification in the Visual and Performing Arts - Los Angeles Unified schools and affiliated charter schools must submit referrals through MiSiS. - Assessment packets (one-sided originals) must be received through school mail or email by April 15th to be considered for spring auditions and demonstrations, scheduled for Saturday, May 16th. Important: - Referral forms must be the most current. - For scanning purposes, each document in a referral must meet the following criteria: legible, one- sided originals, blue/black ink, white paper, no staples, or highlighted areas. - Photographs of documents are not accepted. - Screening forms (Talent Inventory, Parent, and Student Questionnaires) must be signed and filed in student's cumulative folder and are not part of the assessment packet. - School staff distribute page 2 of Attachment E detailing the requirements for an audition/demonstration to all applicants. - Applicants will be invited by letter	Policy Bulletin: Policy for Assessing and Identifying Students for Gifted/Talented Programs Referral Guidelines Reference Guide: Guidelines for Identifying Students as Gifted in the Visual and Performing Arts Referral Templates - Attachments in Reference Guides All policy documents can be located in LAUSD's eLibrary and under Gifted/Talented Programs website gate.lausd.org under "District Communications."	Email referral documents to: GATE@lausd.net (preferred method) Or School Mail: Gifted/Talented Programs Beaudry Site, 25th Floor Attn.: Visual and Performing Arts Ability Do not hand-deliver paperwork.
	mailed to the student's home address which must be presented at		

Saturday, April 25 Saturday,	registration. (Please do not create notification letters). - Charter schools authorized by Los Angeles Unified must include the signed Fee-for-Service form in the assessment packet. Conservatory of Fine Arts, Visual Arts Division Final Show Conservatory of Fine Arts, Performing	Scheduled in the Fine Arts Building at California State University, Los Angeles Scheduled in the Luckman	Dr. Nicole Niederdeppe nnn8729@lausd.net Dr. Nicole
May 2	Arts Division Final Show	Theatre at California State University, Los Angeles	Niederdeppe nnn8729@lausd.net
Friday, May 15 (5:00 p.m.)	Deadline for Assessment Packets for GATE Identification in the Creative and Leadership Ability Categories - Los Angeles Unified schools including affiliated charter schools must submit referrals through MiSiS and complete all required fields. - Teacher Checklist must be completed in MiSiS. - Required paper documents, including student portfolios, must be emailed to the Gifted/Talented Programs office for review by school personnel only. No hard copies will be accepted. - Charter schools authorized by Los Angeles Unified must include the signed Fee-for-Service form in the assessment packet. Important: - Referral forms must be the most	Policy Bulletin: Policy for Assessing and Identifying Students for Gifted/Talented Programs Referral Guidelines: Reference Guide: Guidelines for Identifying Students as Gifted in the Creative and Leadership Categories Referral Templates - Attachments in Reference Guides All policy documents can be located in LAUSD's eLibrary and under Gifted/Talented Programs website gate.lausd.org under "District Communications."	Email referral documents to Michelle Papazyan, District Coordinator, mpapazya@lausd. net Do not hand-deliver paperwork.
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Friday,	Deadline for Assessment Packets for	Referral Templates:	Email referral
May 15	GATE Identification in the High	- Attachments in Reference	documents to:
(5:00 p.m.)	Achievement Ability and Specific	Guides	Michelle Papazyan,
•	Academic Ability Categories		District Coordinator
	- Los Angeles Unified schools including	All policy documents can be	mpapazya@lausd.
	affiliated charter schools must submit	located in LAUSD's eLibrary	net
	referrals through MiSiS and complete	and under Gifted/Talented	
	all required fields.	Programs website	
	– Students who meet the qualifying	gate.lausd.org under "District	
	criteria are automatically identified in	Communications."	
	MiSiS.		
	– Schools should NOT submit a referral		
	unless the student is new to the District		
	with qualifying out-of-district test		
	scores and/or grades.		
	– For newly enrolled students attending a		
	Los Angeles Unified School, Virtual		
	Academy, or affiliated charter with		
	qualifying test scores and/or grades,		
	the following must be submitted:		
	1. Attachment E and F of the		
	reference guide		
	2. Qualifying test scores and/or		
	grades		
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	criteria: legible, one-sided originals,		
	blue/black ink, white paper, no		
	staples, or highlighted areas.		
	– Photographs of documents are not		
	accepted.		
Saturday,	Tentative GATESAC Student Forum	Location: TBD	Susanna Furfari,
May 30	All middle and high school students are		District Coordinator
	welcome to attend this special forum to		susanna.furfari@
	gain knowledge about specific GATE		<u>lausd.net</u>
	topics.		

GIFTED/TALENTED PROGRAMS

333 S. Beaudry Ave., 25th Floor Los Angeles, CA 90017 (213) 241-6500

> Email: <u>GATE@lausd.net</u> Website: <u>gate.lausd.org</u>

Facebook: www.facebook.com/LAUSDGATE

X: www.x.com/LAUSDGATE

District Administrator	Areas of Focus	Email Address
Rasienna Forss, Specialist	Schools for Advanced Studies (SAS)	rasienna.willars@lausd.net
	Support, Professional Development,	
	Instructional Technology, Virtual	
	Academies, Region West	
Susanna Furfari, Coordinator	Parent, Family, and Student	susanna.furfari@lausd.net
	Engagement, VAPA Identification,	
	Region North	
Kevin Kilpatrick, Coordinator	Data Lead, Schools for Advanced	kevin.kilpatrick@lausd.net
	Studies (SAS) Lead, Region South	
Dr. Nicole Niederdeppe, Coordinator	Conservatory of Fine Arts, Annual	nnn8729@lausd.net
	GATE Report, Coordinator	
	Differential, Region East	
Michelle Papazyan, Coordinator	Targeted Identification Program	mpapazya@lausd.net
	(TIP), PASCAL, High	
	Achievement/Specific Academic	
	Ability Identification, Creative and	
	Leadership Ability Identification,	
	Small Group Trainings	
Wynne Wong-Cheng, Coordinator	Intellectual Ability Identification and	wynne.wong@lausd.net
	High Achievement - OLSAT-8	
	Identification	

SCHOOL FISCAL SERVICES BRANCH

For specific questions regarding budget (differentials, etc.), contact the Fiscal Manager for your Region. Please note that school GATE coordinators are to receive a semi-annual differential funded from existing school sources to be reported in January and June. Please see annual Inter-Office Correspondence for more information.

The specific contact information for each Region's fiscal specialists can be found here: www.lausd.org/Page/18257

STUDENT INTEGRATION SERVICES/MAGNET PROGRAMS

Website: <u>integration.lausd.org</u> Email: <u>echoices@lausd.net</u>

Phone: (213) 241-6532 (for school inquiries), (213) 241-4177 (for parent/family inquiries)

DESIGNATED GATE PSYCHOLOGISTS

Designated GATE Psychologists (DGPs) are a part of Gifted/Talented Programs, Advanced Learning Options (ALO) within Gifted/Talented Programs. There are a total of 16 designated GATE psychologists. Designated GATE psychologists are not Region specific. Your school's assigned DGP is provided in the Designated GATE Psychologist School Directory List, found on the Gifted/Talented Programs website, gate.lausd.org, under Educators.

CENTRAL OFFICE PAPERWORK SUBMISSION INFORMATION

GATE Referrals, Services, and Programs	Contact Telephone Number/Email	School Mail Address	Location/ USPS Mailing Address
 High Achievement/ Specific Academic Referrals Creative/Leadership Referrals Reassessment requests 	(213) 241-6500 Michelle Papazyan, District Coordinator mpapazya@lausd.net (213) 241-6500 Wynne Wong-Cheng, District Coordinator,	Gifted/Talented Programs	Gifted/Talented Programs 333 S. Beaudry Ave.
- Request for test scores	Psych Services GATE@lausd.net	Beaudry Site, 25th Floor	25th Floor Los Angeles, CA 90017
- Conservatory of Fine Arts Applications	(213) 241-6500 Dr. Nicole Niederdeppe, District Coordinator nnn8729@lausd.net	Attn.: Write the category being requested.	Attn.: Write the category being requested.
- Talent Assessment: Auditions/ Demonstrations	(213) 241-6500 Susanna Furfari, District Coordinator susanna.furfari@lausd. net		

Affiliated and Independent Charter Schools

- Contact Gifted/Talented Programs at (213) 241-6500 or <u>GATE@lausd.net</u> to request a Fee-for-Service form.
- Submission of referrals may proceed as soon as the principal's signature is obtained.
- Include original Fee-for-Service form with the referral packet (failure to include the Fee-for-Service form will create delays in processing).
- Schools will not be billed for students who are not selected for or do not show for the Saturday Conservatory of Fine Arts or who do not show for the visual or performing arts assessment.