

Gifted Magnets vs. Schools for Advanced Studies (SAS)



WHAT ARE THE SIMILARITIES?





Boundaries

Open to students who reside within



Instruction

Teachers provide differentiated instruction, including depth, complexity, novelty, and acceleration



Transportation

Transportation may be available (Elementary 1-mile radius, Secondary 2-mile radius) Contact Transportation Services at 213-580-2900

WHAT ARE THE DIFFERENCES?



Gifted Magnets

Integration

- Magnet programs are court-ordered voluntary integration opportunities available to students living within LAUSD boundaries
- Gifted Magnets are one type of magnet program designed to meet the needs of gifted learners



Purpose



SAS is a designation given to resident K-12 LAUSD schools for exemplary implementation of Gifted and Talented Education (GATE) services and support

Demonstration Site

These demonstration sites share innovative, equitable, and effective GATE practices Districtwide

Continuous

• Once designated, the school remains a Gifted Magnet

Designation



Five-Year Cycle

- School must undergo a rigorous application process every 5 years to obtain or maintain the SAS designation
- SAS sites that do not meet District expectations for GATE implementation cannot retain the designation

Grades 1-12

Levels



Grades K-12

Priority Points

- All students apply through the Choices application
- Student selection based on eligibility and magnet priority points

Application & Selection



No Priority Points

- Only students residing outside the SAS site's residential boundaries apply through the Choices application process (resident students do not need to apply)
- Random, unbiased selection process (no priority points)

Recommended

Teachers and administrators are encouraged to participate in GATE professional development annually

Professional Development



Required

• Teachers and administrators participate in GATE professional development annually (minimum of 16 hours for teachers and 4 hours for administrators)

*Source: Choices Brochure 2025-2026 Choices.LAUSD.net

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Office

Gifted Magnets

Student Integration Services 213-241-4177 Choices.LAUSD.net

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Gifted/Talented Programs GATE: 213-241-6500

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https://www.lausd.org/gate



SAS Website https://www.lausd.org/Page/2024





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Schools



List of SAS Sites

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Magnet FAQ

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Questions



SAS FAQ

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