

## Los Angeles Unified School District-CHOICES

## SUBMIT DIRECTLY TO GIFTED MAGNET/SAS SITE IF/WHEN OFFERED A LATE/WAITLIST SEAT

VERIFICATION OF ELIGIBILITY FOR GIFTED MAGNET PROGRAMS AND SCHOOLS FOR ADVANCED STUDIES (GRADES 1-12):  
PRIVATE SCHOOL, INDEPENDENT CHARTER AND NON-LAUSD APPLICANTS ONLY (All schools must be officially licensed and registered)

## STUDENT PROFILE

STUDENT LAST NAME

STUDENT FIRST NAME

MI

CURRENT GRADE

☐ MALE ☐ FEMALE ☐ NON-BINARY

BIRTHDATE

  /   /     

MONTH

DAY

YEAR

       

CONFIRMATION NUMBER

## NAME OF MAGNET SCHOOLS SELECTED (PRINT COMPLETE NAME OF SELECTED MAGNET SCHOOL.)

1ST CHOICE

2ND CHOICE

3RD CHOICE

## NAME OF SCHOOLS FOR ADVANCED STUDIES (SAS) SITES SELECTED (PRINT COMPLETE NAME OF SELECTED SAS SITE.)

1ST CHOICE

2ND CHOICE

3RD CHOICE

PARENT/GUARDIAN'S NAME:

HOME ADDRESS:

CITY

STATE

ZIP CODE

(PHONE 1)

-

(PHONE 2)

-

PARENT EMAIL:

(CURRENT SCHOOL)

-

CURRENT TEACHER'S NAME (PRINT):

PRINCIPAL'S NAME (PRINT):

CURRENT SCHOOL NAME (PRINT):

SCHOOL EMAIL:

## PARENT/GUARDIAN AUTHORIZATION:

- The Parent/guardian must submit a Choices late application. This Verification of Eligibility form should be submitted to the SAS site if/when the parent/guardian is contacted about an available seat. (This form is NOT an application.)
- Verification form must be current.

- Print legibly and sign below. Processing is dependent upon signature of authorization and complete and accurate information.
- Submit pages 1 and 2 to school and request that the school return page 1 ONLY to the Gifted Magnet or SAS site that has offered a seat.

This request authorizes school of attendance to release to the Los Angeles Unified School District the Verification of Eligibility for student to apply to Gifted Magnet Programs and/or Schools for Advanced Studies.

PARENT/GUARDIAN SIGNATURE:

DATE:

## SCHOOL VERIFICATION (FOR SCHOOL PERSONNEL USE ONLY):

- Please complete all necessary items on this form. Sign and return form in an official school envelope to the Gifted Magnet or SAS site that has offered a seat OR the form may be emailed by the current school of attendance to the GATE/SAS or Magnet coordinator at the school of choice.
- To qualify for Gifted Magnet Programs and/or SAS sites, applicants must meet ONE of the following criteria (see Definition of Criteria for detailed information). Complete ONE section only (A, B or C).

A

Must be identified as gifted by LAUSD:

Tested at \_\_\_\_\_ Approximate date of test \_\_\_\_\_

Eligibility: ☐ Intellectual ☐ Highly Gifted Applicable ☐ Highly Gifted ☐ High Achievement ☐ Specific Academic \_\_\_\_\_ ☐ Creative ☐ Leadership
☐ CHECK HERE IF IDENTIFIED BY LAUSD

OR

B

Student received national percentile scores of 85 or above OR Standard Exceeded on a District-approved standardized achievement test in 2024, if applicable.

- Please attach a COPY of the 2023–2024 test scores and complete appropriate section.
- Indicate student's grade level being reported \_\_\_\_\_ and indicate percentile below:

Name of Test: \_\_\_\_\_

APR Total: \_\_\_\_\_ OR APR Verbal: \_\_\_\_\_ and APR Non-Verbal: \_\_\_\_\_ OR

Total Reading: \_\_\_\_\_ or ELA Total: \_\_\_\_\_ and Total Math: \_\_\_\_\_ OR

Reading Composite: \_\_\_\_\_ and Math Composite: \_\_\_\_\_ OR Verbal Reasoning: \_\_\_\_\_ and Quantitative Reasoning: \_\_\_\_\_

## COMPLETE

☐ Test scores are attached.

☐ Test scores are not available.

Initial: \_\_\_\_\_

OR

C

The student must demonstrate mastery of **ALL FOUR** of the following critical thinking and problem-solving skills (in primary language) and must also demonstrate the ability or strong potential to work two years above grade level in academic subjects. Can the student:

Explain meanings or relationships among facts, information or concepts that demonstrate depth and complexity

Formulate new ideas or solutions and elaborate on the information

Use alternative methods in approaching new or unfamiliar mathematical problems

Use extensive vocabulary easily and accurately to express creative ideas

## CHECK 4

PLEASE CHECK ALL

☐ YES ☐ NO

☐ YES ☐ NO

☐ YES ☐ NO

☐ YES ☐ NO

I certify that the Verification of Eligibility was completed by certificated school personnel.

➤ Signature of Verifier \_\_\_\_\_ Title \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

➤ Signature of Principal \_\_\_\_\_ Principal's Name \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

## FOR LAUSD USE ONLY

☐ Eligible
A. ☐ Intellectual ☐ HGA ☐ HG ☐ Creative ☐ Leadership ☐ HA ☐ SA: \_\_\_\_\_ B. ☐ Test Scores C. ☐ Critical Thinking and Problem-Solving Skills Criteria
☐ Ineligible

## DEFINITION OF CRITERIA FOR APPLICANTS APPLYING TO THE LOS ANGELES UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT GIFTED MAGNET PROGRAM OR SCHOOLS FOR ADVANCED STUDIES (SAS)

- I. **Gifted Magnet Program and SAS Sites:** Serve students who demonstrate the ability or strong potential to work two years above grade level in academic subjects. These programs offer enriched interdisciplinary academic environments that are exciting, challenging and encourage students to use creative/critical thinking skills.
- II. **Applicable Grade Levels:** For Gifted Magnet Programs, students currently in grades kindergarten to eleven must qualify under ONE of the criteria below. For SAS sites, students currently in grades PreK/UTK to eleven must qualify under ONE of the criteria below. Consideration MUST also be given to students whose primary language is other than English.

## DOCUMENTATION TO PROVE VERIFICATION OR NON-VERIFICATION MUST BE KEPT ON FILE AT THE SENDING SCHOOL SITE FOR FIVE YEARS.

- A. Must be identified as gifted by an LAUSD designated GATE psychologist. (Student must attend an LAUSD school to be assessed.)
- OR**
- B. Student received national percentile scores of 85 or above OR Standard Exceeded on a District-approved standardized achievement test in 2024, if applicable.
- OR**
- C. The student must demonstrate mastery in **ALL FOUR** of the following critical thinking and problem-solving skills (in primary language) and demonstrate the ability or strong potential to work two years above grade level in academic subjects. Examples of possible student behaviors which demonstrate the characteristics follow each criterion below. **These characteristics must be expressed or documented by evidence which may contain the following examples: writing samples that showcase extensive vocabulary, annotations of class activities and discussions/journals, logs, assignments and projects that demonstrate depth and complexity, etc.** The principal/administrative designee must maintain documentation of verification or non-verification on file at the school site.

The student must be in the MISIS system of LAUSD, and the LAUSD designated GATE psychologist must have determined eligibility as gifted in the Intellectual, High Achievement (HA), Specific Academic (SA), Creative or Leadership Ability category. This criterion does not include students on waiting lists to be tested or students whom school personnel “feel” are potentially gifted.

These scores are based on the most recent District-approved standardized achievement tests given. These are the **national percentile** scores in **both** reading and mathematics (no other report or document should be included):

**Report name of current test administered and report percentile in:**

APR total **OR** APR Verbal and APR Non-Verbal **OR**

Total Reading or ELA and Total Math **OR**

Reading Composite and Math Composite **OR**

Verbal Reasoning and Quantitative Reasoning

**Note: Kindergarten SAS applicants must also be verified using the SAS kindergarten-specific criteria on the *Verification of Eligibility (SAS Kindergarten)* form.**

1

Explain meanings or relationships among facts, information or concepts that demonstrate depth and complexity

- Analyzes similarities and differences in events, people and things
- Displays high level observation skills that frequently detect fallacies and inconsistencies
- Grasps new concepts easily; moves rapidly from familiar (concrete) to unfamiliar (abstract)
- Sees hidden meanings or cause-and-effect relationships that are not obvious
- Analyzes and evaluates respective solutions from multiple points of view

2

Formulate new ideas or solutions and elaborate on the information

- Plans unique projects by integrating learning from different areas
- Produces detailed steps of a solution and sound reasons for them
- Invents solutions to established problems; creates problems for which there are no apparent solutions
- Approaches tasks in different, unusual and original ways

3

Use alternative methods in approaching new or unfamiliar mathematical problems

- Locates, selects and uses relevant information and material
  - Gives examples of possible outcomes; makes “educated guesses”
  - Thinks of and asks provocative questions which involve logical thinking processes
  - Uses standard math processes and proficiencies such as problem-solving, abstract reasoning, constructing viable arguments, etc.
  - Changes word problems into mathematical terms or formulas
- SAS kindergarten applicants may demonstrate the following:**
- Demonstrates keen awareness of quantitative information in the world around them
  - Demonstrates pattern awareness and notices regularities in their environment
  - Shows advanced understanding of size, shape, pattern, position and direction
  - Notices quantities; ability to compare quantities in real-life situations and use real and created units of measurement
  - Counts, compares and uses mathematical operations during play
  - Represents mathematical ideas with objects, pictures or numbers
  - Estimates and uses mental calculation

4

Use extensive vocabulary easily and accurately to express creative ideas

- Demonstrates a vivid imagination in a variety of products
- Shows unusual ability to express self, feelings, concepts, etc.
- Plans and selects alternative means to demonstrate creative ideas
- Demonstrates fluent, concise and creative self-expression
- Uses a large vocabulary in primary language
- Shows ability to “code switch” and uses language appropriate to specific disciplines, situations and audiences

### APPLICANTS TO GIFTED MAGNET PROGRAMS

Private school, independent charter and non-LAUSD applicants must obtain verification of eligibility from their school of attendance.

The following Gifted Magnet Programs require verification:

**ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS (Grades 1–5)** — 3rd St. (Gr. 3–5), 74th St., Alta California (Gr. 2–5), Ambler, Balboa, Baldwin Hills, Braddock (Gr. 2–5), Burbank (Gr. 2–5), Canterbury, Commonwealth (Gr. 2–5), Cowan (Gr. 1–6), Eagle Rock (Gr. 2–6), Euclid, Kester, Multnomah (Gr. 2–5), Park Western, Russell (Gr. 2–6), Sunland (Gr. 2–5), Vena, Welby Way, Wonderland (Gr. 3–5)

**MIDDLE SCHOOLS (Grades 6–8)** — Adams, Audubon, Bancroft, Burroughs, Dodson, Drew (Gr. 7–8), El Sereno, Frost Gifted/Music Conservatory, Hale, King, Lawrence, Mount Gleason, Nightingale, Palms, Peary, Porter, Romer, Sepulveda, Stevenson, Vista, Wright

**HIGH SCHOOLS (Grades 9–12)** — Bell, Chatsworth, Eagle Rock (Gr. 7–12), Fairfax, Kennedy, Marshall, Panorama, San Pedro, Taft, Westchester

### APPLICANTS TO HIGHLY GIFTED MAGNET PROGRAMS

Students eligible for Highly Gifted Magnet Programs are residents of Los Angeles Unified who are identified as:

- Highly Gifted (HG) by scoring at the 99.9 percentile rank on an Intellectual Ability assessment administered by a Los Angeles Unified designated GATE psychologist OR
- Highly Gifted Applicable (HGA) by scoring at the 99.5 to 99.8 percentile rank on an Intellectual Ability assessment administered by a Los Angeles Unified designated GATE psychologist

The following Highly Gifted Magnet Centers require identification:

**ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS** — Eagle Rock Highly Gifted (Gr. 3–6) & San Jose Highly Gifted (Gr. 2–5)

**MIDDLE SCHOOL** — Portola Highly Gifted (Gr. 6–8)

**HIGH SCHOOL** — North Hollywood Highly Gifted (Gr. 9–12)

### APPLICANTS TO SCHOOLS FOR ADVANCED STUDIES (SAS)

- Private school, independent charter and non-LAUSD applicants must obtain verification of eligibility from their school of attendance
- For a list of current Schools for Advanced Studies (SAS) sites (Grades K–12), refer to the 2025-2026 Choices brochure or Choices.lausd.net
- Affiliated Charter SAS sites do NOT participate in the SAS verification or selection process; visit GoTo.LAUSD.net to apply to an Affiliated Charter School through the Choices process or contact the charter SAS site directly for more information

### VERIFICATION OF ELIGIBILITY FOR LATE APPLICANTS

**LAUSD Applicants:** Verification forms are **not** required for students currently enrolled in LAUSD (including LAUSD Affiliated Charter schools). If/when a Gifted Magnet/SAS site contacts the late applicant about an available seat, verification must be provided at that time. For District applicants, this will involve communication between the two District schools (Gifted Magnet or SAS site AND student's current school of attendance). No Verification of Eligibility form is needed for District applicants.

**Private School/Independent Charter/Non-LAUSD Applicants:** If/when a Gifted Magnet/SAS site contacts the late applicant about an available seat, verification must be provided at that time. For non-district applicants, the parent/guardian must request that the non-district school complete the applicable Verification of Eligibility form and submit it directly to the Gifted Magnet/SAS site that has offered the seat. The form should NOT be sent to CHOICES since late verification is processed at the school level.

**Homeschooled/Non-Schooled Applicants:** An alternate verification process is conducted for homeschooled applicants to Gifted Magnet/SAS without a verifying organization and applicants to SAS kindergarten who are not enrolled in preschool/UTK. Please contact Gifted/Talented Programs at (213) 241-4177 or GATE@lausd.net to initiate this verification process.

**Parents/guardians may call (213) 241-4177 before applying to a Gifted Magnet or SAS site to check LAUSD records for eligibility.**

### DISCLAIMER

- I understand that I must provide the appropriate documentation for my child to attend a Gifted Magnet, Highly Gifted Magnet or SAS site or my choice of these programs will be removed from the selection process.
- I understand that re-verification is required when applying to a new school/program and upon matriculation to the next school level (e.g., from elementary to secondary).
- I understand that my child must reside within LAUSD boundaries at the time of application and while participating in the program.
- I understand that LAUSD is not responsible for lost applications or verification forms.
- I understand that I must also submit a Choices application.