

Gifted Magnets vs. Schools for Advanced Studies (SAS)

WHAT ARE THE SIMILARITIES?



Eligibility

Applicants must meet 1 of 3 eligibility criteria, refer to the Choices brochure



Boundaries

Open to students who reside within LAUSD boundaries
(Some SAS sites allow non-District applicants)



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

Continuous

- Once designated, the school remains a Gifted Magnet

Grades 1-12

Priority Points

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

Recommended

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



SAS

Demonstration Site

- SAS is a designation given to resident K-12 LAUSD schools for exemplary implementation of Gifted and Talented Education (GATE) services and support
- These demonstration sites share innovative, equitable, and effective GATE practices Districtwide

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 K-12

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)

Required

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

Purpose



Designation



Levels



Application & Selection



Professional Development

