



Rhodes School

for the Performing Arts

Information About GATE Testing

Hey Parents!

Testing for our Gifted and Talented Education Program (GATE) is currently underway! Students recommended either through parent or teacher referral for the GATE program must take both the NNAT3 and the Stanford Tests and receive a qualifying score to be selected into the program. Once testing is completed, students' scores and test booklets (for younger grades) will be sent off to be scored by Pearson, the company responsible for administering the tests. It should take approximately 2-3 weeks for scores to come back to the school. You will receive a letter indicating whether or not your child has been selected for the GATE program.

FAQs about GATE Testing

- What tests are students taking?

Students take the Naglieri Nonverbal Ability Test (NNAT3) and the Stanford Achievement Test Series (Stanford). The NNAT3 test is a nonverbal measure of general ability that yields a norm-based score helpful in identifying students with the potential for advanced scholastic achievement. The Stanford Test Series is a series of content tests designed to identify student strengths and needs along with measuring four achievement parameters: content cluster, process cluster, cognitive level and instructional standard. Subtests or content tests include reading comprehension, sound and letters, mathematics, language, spelling, listening comprehension, science and social studies.

- How long does each test normally take to complete?

The NNAT3 test takes approximately 30 minutes. The Stanford test takes roughly 6 hours to complete depending on the grade level.

- How long does testing as a whole take?

Testing usually takes about 2-3 days to complete however this depends on your child and events taking place on campus. For example, your child may miss a portion of their test if they are away from campus on a field trip. This would extend the testing time frame.

- How are the NNAT3 and Stanford tests administered?

The NNAT3 is administered online for all students regardless of grade level. The Stanford Test Series are administered online for grades 3-8 and are paper based for K-2.

- Will there be make-ups if my child missed a test?

Yes, make-up testing is available and will take place at the conclusion of testing. Students will be notified when they will be pulled for make-up testing. Please be advised that make-up testing will prolong the receipt of student scores.

- Is it too late for my child to be tested?

Unfortunately, the window for recommendation is closed for the 21-22 school year. If you desire your child to be screened for GATE, please complete the recommendation form next school year.

For more information about RSPA's GATE Program, please review our [informational packet](#).