



# SPLCS GATE

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St. Peter Lutheran Macomb Gifted and Talented Education Program

Servicing Grades  
**2nd-3rd (2020-2021)**  
**2nd-4th (2021-2022)**  
**2nd-5th (2022-2023)**  
And Beyond

*St. Peter Lutheran Church and School GATE Program is devoted to helping ALL students learn, specifically advanced students with unique learning styles, talents, and abilities. We work to service the whole child. We do this simultaneously with our mission to glorify God by making disciples of Jesus Christ.*

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What is “Gifted”? According to *The Jacob Javits Gifted and Talented Students Education Act* it is defined as “children and youth who give evidence of higher performance capability in such areas as intellectual, creative, artistic, or leadership capacity, or in specific academic fields and who require services or activities not ordinarily provided by the schools in order to develop capabilities fully”.

**Gifted (top 10%) in intellectual, creative, social, and perceptual mental. (Some are born with gifts but they are not always developed overtime).**

**Talented (top 10%) “learned” skills and capabilities in academics, technology, science, arts, social, business, etc). Talents are not something you are born with but learned and developed overtime.**

## **SPLCS GATE Program**

Our program focuses on meeting the individual needs of gifted and talented students who qualify by placing them into our GATE pull out program. The academic focus of this program will be Math and English Language Arts. The program will work on differentiating the key principles of curriculum, instruction, process, and product.

The goal of the program is to meet the individual gifts and talents of participating students academically, socially, and emotionally. Our program would not provide students with more work in these core areas but will instead provide them with a

learning environment that would deepen their understanding of curriculum at a faster rate with more focus on creating, evaluating, analyzing and applying their learning.

## **Qualifications**

Eligibility will be based on the following components using a rubric system for all students:

- NWEA Fall or Winter MAP scores for Math and Reading (93 percentile or above combined average).
- Fountas and Pinnell Reading Level Assessment.
- On-Demand Writing Assessment.
- Parent and Teacher observation forms.

Applications and more information will go out to next year's second and third grade families at the end of February. Questions regarding the application process contact Amber Nill at [ambernill@splcs.net](mailto:ambernill@splcs.net) .