



SPLCS GATE

St. Peter Lutheran Macomb Gifted and Talented Education Program

Servicing Grades
2nd-6th (2023-2024)

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.

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”.

SPLCS GATE Program

Our program focuses on meeting the individual needs of gifted and talented students who qualify by placing them into our Bridge to GATE (2nd Grade) or GATE (3rd-6th Grade) pull-out program. The academic focus is Math and English Language Arts. The program will differentiate 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 does not provide students with more work in core areas and instead provides them with a learning environment that deepens their understanding of curriculum at a faster rate with focus on creating, evaluating, analyzing and applying their learning.

Qualifications

Students can be nominated for the program by a teacher or parent. This is done by: completing a nomination form for the GATE program, followed by signing your student up to take the CogAT assessment.

Once the application and assessment are completed, the GATE committee will create a portfolio for each student and evaluate them based on the following:

- NWEA Fall or Winter Math and Reading Scores with an average of 93% or above
- Parent Observation Form
- Current Teacher Observation Form for ELA, Math and Gifted traits **OR** letter from student's current teacher (if not currently enrolled at St. Peter).
- Cognitive Abilities Test (CogAT)

A committee will work to decide if the GATE program is the best fit for eligible students.

You can apply online when the application window opens at
<https://stpetermacomb.com/school/k-8/curriculum/> .

Any additional questions contact Amber Nill at ambbernill@splcs.net or visit our website at <http://stpetergate.weebly.com/> .