

GATE Identification Criteria Discussion Questions.

1. What thoughts (e.g. advantages over current criteria, concerns, questions) does your group have about the use of a standardized ability test for determining GATE eligibility?
2. If the District were to use an ability test as part of the GATE eligibility criteria, what thoughts (e.g. advantages, disadvantages, questions) does your group have about the issue of assessment occurring on an individual referral basis versus assessing all students at one grade level?
3. At what grade level should the District begin GATE identification? Please provide support for particular grade levels as well as concerns for particular grade levels, which emerge in your conversation.
4. Aside from the issue of whether to include ability testing, what thoughts does your group have about the current GATE eligibility criteria? (Specify what is working and what is problematic, include the reasons why?)
5. What criteria would your group recommend in the new plan? Identify where their consensus and where there is not.

