

Welcome to Acacia Elementary School

Great Schools
Successful Kids



FULLERTON
SCHOOL
DISTRICT



GATE Orientation

Facts About Acacia School

- ❖ California Distinguished School
- ❖ Gold Medalist for Academic Excellence
Orange County Register #1 School in
Orange County
- ❖ Fullerton School District GATE
Designated Site
- ❖ All straight classes (no combinations)

Facts

- ❖ KidZone- After School Care
- ❖ After School Intervention and Enrichment Classes
- ❖ Strong Relationship with CSUF and Troy High School
- ❖ Positive and collaborative school community

Technology at Acacia

- ❖ Technology Committee
- ❖ Epson Bright Link Projectors
- ❖ iPads
- ❖ iPod Touches
- ❖ 1:1 Fourth - Sixth Grade GATE (expanding to third next year) Computer Lab- iMacs
- ❖ Digital Cameras
- ❖ Classroom Laptops and Desktops

What is GATE?

- ❖ Addresses specific learning needs for students who learn differently
- ❖ Provides core curriculum with greater depth & complexity
- ❖ Emphasizes critical thinking
- ❖ Teaches real-world analysis and application
- ❖ Nurtures unique social and emotional needs of gifted students

Benefits of a Designated GATE Classroom

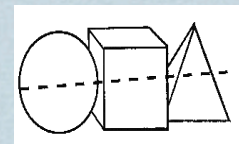
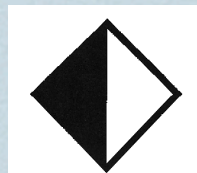
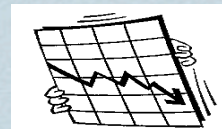
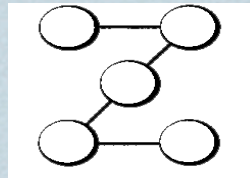
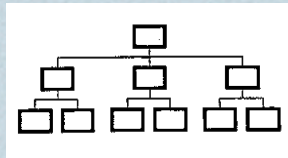
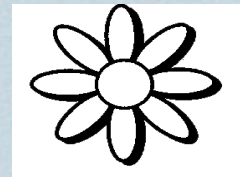
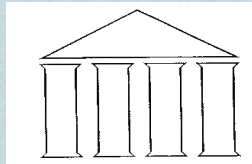
- ❖ High Academic Rigor/Acceleration of Curriculum
- ❖ In-depth coverage of subjects
- ❖ Limited need for remediation and repetition
- ❖ Students flourish when grouped with intellectual peers
- ❖ Opportunities for Independent Study and Curriculum Compacting
- ❖ Well-prepared for Honors programs at intermediate/
high school levels

GATE Strategies

- ❖ Depth & Complexity
- ❖ Acceleration of Curriculum/Curriculum Compacting
- ❖ Novelty
- ❖ Scholarliness
- ❖ Universal Themes
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- ❖ Independent Study/Project-based Learning
- ❖ Think Like a Disciplinarian
- ❖ Bloom's Taxonomy
- ❖ Tiered Assignments

Icons of Depth & Complexity

- ❖ Integrated into all content areas to extend student learning



GATE Strategies

❖ Content Imperatives



❖ Think Like a Disciplinarian

Historian

Economist

Environmentalism

Sociologist

❖ Universal Concepts and Generalizations

Power

Structure

Conflict

Order v. Chaos

GATE Teachers

- ❖ Tiffany Mumma- 3rd grade teacher, 13 years of experience, HIU GATE Certified
- ❖ Stephanie Given- 4th grade teacher, 8 years of experience, UCI GATE Certified
- ❖ Debbie Kojima- 5th grade teacher, 14 years of experience, FSD GATE Certified
- ❖ Heidi Cockerill - 6th grade teacher, 12 years of experience, CSUF GATE certified