

Santa Barbara High School District Gifted and Talented Education

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In order to create procedures for the equitable distribution of District GATE donation funds, the following guidelines for shall be followed:

I. Basic Funding

1. All schools, through the Site Coordinators, will submit an annual School Site Plan, which will provide the District with the number of GATE classes and the percentage of GATE identified students in each of those classes. This plan shall be due and on file in the GATE Office no later than October 30 of each school year.

2. Based on the Site Plan submitted by each Site Coordinator, the District shall replicate the funding formula used by the State in order to equitably disburse GATE funds, as follows:
 - a. Total School enrollment multiplied by a sum agreed upon by all Site Coordinators, and which may vary from year to year according to available funding
 - b. Total number of GATE id'd students multiplied by a sum agreed upon by all Site Coordinators, and which may vary from year to year according to available funding.
 - c. Number of GATE classes with seventy percent of GATE identified students enrolled multiplied by a sum agreed upon by all Site Coordinators, and which may vary from year to year according to available funding
 - d. Allotments for each teacher, based on the above formula, can be spent for instructional supplies and materials, equipment, consultants, or field trips.
 - e. Requests for the actual expenditure of funds shall follow District procedures, using a GATE requisition form and requiring the teacher's signature, the Site Coordinator's signature, the Site Principal's signature, and the District Coordinator's signature.

II. Additional Funding

1. Once all schools have received their Basic Funding, and provided that there are GATE donation funds still available, teachers at each site may request additional funding for instructional supplies and materials, equipment, consultants, or field trips.
2. Such requests shall be submitted through the Site Coordinator and shall follow the same procedures as outlined in I.2.d.
3. Such requests will be reviewed by the Site Coordinators at their regular meetings and the granting of such requests will be determined by the Site Coordinators.
4. All GATE and AP teachers are eligible to apply for Additional Funding

III. Accounting and Reporting

1. Records of Basic Funding requests and Additional Funding requests shall be maintained by the GATE Office and will be reported to both Site Coordinators and the District Advisory Council by the District Coordinator at regular intervals.

IV. Teacher Needs

1. A survey conducted in the fall of 2005 of all GATE teachers indicated that the top two teacher needs are technology and time for curriculum development (specifically, training in differentiation).
 - a. Technology requests will be given priority consideration for the current and 2006-2007 funding cycle, and will be reviewed at the beginning of the 2007 school year.
 - b. Curriculum development and professional development: While the district policy indicates that District funds (e.g., Title 2 funds) must be spend for curriculum development and/or professional development before GATE donation funds can be used, GATE Site Coordinators are including this information in order to clarify the circumstance under which a School Site Plan might include a request for funding for curriculum development. It is understood that such funds cannot supplant, but may supplement, other District funds.

V. Finance Committee

1. The Site Coordinators and the District Coordinators will constitute the Finance Committee, and shall review all funding requests. They will ensure the equitable distribution of funds from year to year.

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