

## ***Greetings gifted and talented candidate!***

*The process for entering the gifted and talented education (GATE) program follows. While completing your application, please keep the following definition in mind.*

The Pinelands Regional School District GATE cohort defines gifted students as children and youth with outstanding talent who perform or show the potential for performing at remarkably high levels of accomplishment when compared with others of their age, experience, or environment. We believe gifted students typically have an unusual talent in one or occasionally two of the following areas: creative thinking, leadership, general intellectual ability, psychomotor, specific academic ability, and visual/performing arts.

### **Please compile the following artifacts:**

- ☐ Letter of interest (*outline included*)
- ☐ Complete the [math assessment](https://forms.gle/44FBYL1gB9PZvs2ZA) (<https://forms.gle/44FBYL1gB9PZvs2ZA>)
- ☐ One artifact /evidence sample of your choice with an explanation regarding how the artifact demonstrates your giftedness (*for example: video, picture, document, test, project, essay, musical performance, drawing, etc.*)

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**Applications should be submitted to *Dr. Kimberly Clark* via email ([KClark@prsdnj.org](mailto:KClark@prsdnj.org)) by **Friday, May 29, 2020 at 3pm****

### **Application instructions:**

- ✓ Put your name and “GATE Application” in the subject line
  - (ex. “Dr. Kim Clark, GATE Application”)
- ✓ Write a short message to Dr. Clark
- ✓ Attach the two required documents
- ✓ Ensure that your math assessment was already submitted
- ✓ Send message

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Once Pinelands Regional has received your documents, they and your prior academic accomplishments (including, but not limited to, grades, teacher recommendations, and standardized assessment scores), will be reviewed by a committee of GATE educators and administrators. All candidates will be contacted regarding their application status by no later than mid-July.



*Should you, or your parents, have any questions about the process, please do not hesitate to contact PRSD's GATE Supervisor, Dr. Kimberly Clark at [KClark@prsdnj.org](mailto:KClark@prsdnj.org)*

## **GATE Letter of Interest Guidelines/Outline**

Use this handout to assist with your letter of interest for your GATE portfolio. Please adhere to the correct procedure when writing your letter. You may use this handout to brainstorm and prepare your letter. Letters should be between 1 – 2 pages. Good Luck!

- 🐾 *Who are you? What makes you unique?*
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
- 🐾 *Why do you wish to enter the GATE program? What are your academic goals and personal aspirations?*
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
- 🐾 *How will you contribute to the program? What are your talents?*
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
- 🐾 *What are you hoping to gain by being part of the GATE program? What are your expectations?*
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
- 🐾 *Is there any additional information you feel is relevant to your participation in the GATE program?*

