In order to qualify for The Buckeye Union School District GATE Program, our LEA uses the following categories for purposes of examination. GATE is available to students in grades 3-8:

1. Intellectual Ability
2. High Achievement
3. Specific Academic Ability

In order to meet the criteria for GATE qualification, a student must take the OLSAT and receive the minimum score(s) that indicate giftedness. There are three ways that a student may qualify to take the OLSAT and then be considered for the BUSD GATE program:

- **#1**
  A student is identified as GATE in another district

- **#2**
  **STAR (CST) Scores**: A scale score of 440 on both ELA and Mathematics portions OR at least 500 on either ELA or Mathematics

- **#3**
  **GATES Evaluation**: A teacher may request to recommend a student by completing a GATES Evaluation to be scored by a trained personnel. This is to be used if a student does not qualify based on STAR scores. This process includes obtaining parent permission. If scoring indicates potential giftedness, then the student can take the OLSAT.

If a student receives the required score(s) on the OLSAT, a permission slip to participate in GATE is sent home for a parent signature. Once this is received, the student is added to the GATE list.