

GATE Goal Setting Conference Template

MBUSD Elementary Goal Setting Conferences

Student Name: _____ Teacher: _____ Grade: _____

Directions: This form will be completed *during* the conference. It is designed to provide a menu of topics for parent and teacher discussion. It is not necessary to complete all areas of the form. You need only complete the sections which are the focus areas for the parent/teacher. Teachers, please use this during your parent/teacher conference along with the Grade Level Reporting Resource goal sheet. A copy of this form will be given to the parent and filed in the purple GATE folder.

Academic

There are many different kinds of GATE students. Let's learn more about your child as a learner.

1. Does s/he have a subject that is of special interest?

2. Does s/he have a particular area of academic *strength* (e.g., Reading/Language Arts/Social Studies, Writing, Art/Music, Math/Science)?

Let's explore how we can build on that area of academic strength: Look at the lists below. Which activities would engage/challenge your student? Can you think of other ways to expand their skills? (You do not have to select one for every category.)

Reading/Language Arts/Social Studies

- Book clubs and reading extensions
- Explore multiple points of view, "big ideas", and "what if?" questions
- Research report using primary and secondary sources
- Other:

Writing

- Creative writing: poems, short stories, plays, narrative/descriptive
- Write a persuasive (formal) letter to an editor, business owner, etc.
- Explore a new topic of interest and write an informational or argumentative piece
- Create a newsletter, blog, social media posts, website, digital media presentation
- Other:

Art/Music

- Create a song or art piece that reflects a study in math, reading, science or social studies
- Draw a cartoon or picture that illustrates an area of study or interest
- Assemble a collage, poster, diorama, digital media that expresses a big idea related to a unit of study
- Other:

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Math/Science

- Math extensions/enrichment at grade level
- Complex math tasks involving multiple steps that have real life application
- Participate in community-based math competitions (Math Olympiad, Odyssey of the Mind)
- Other:

3. In what area(s) do you want your child to improve or be challenged in their academic performance?

Social/Emotional

1. What types of activities/play does your child prefer to engage in at home or with friends? What does that look like? What aspects of the activity pique your child's interests?

2. What social/emotional strengths does your child have?

3. What social/emotional questions or concerns do you have for your child?

Additional

1. What other information should your child's teacher know?