

NNAT FAQs

Before the test:

Should all classes give the NNAT at the same time?

- *Not necessarily. Teachers should choose the time within the testing window that works best for your schedule. However, you may find that parents who hear that a test has been administered in another first grade classroom at your site may come to you with questions, so if you think that would be an issue with your parent population, you could work with the other first grade teachers at your site to choose a day that works for everyone.*

Are the instructions and sample questions part of the 30 minute time limit?

- *No. The 30 minutes start when the students begin the actual test, after you have given instructions and walked through the sample questions.*

What happens if I get an opt out letter now?

- *You may want to follow up with the parents to make sure that they're opting OUT, not IN. If they really don't want their child screened for GATE, please find an alternative activity for that student and include the opt out letter with the rest of the materials you send back to the GATE office.*

I have a new student with no pre-labeled test booklet. What do I do?

- *Please bubble in the demographic information on the back of the booklet. The student's full name needs to match what is in Infinite Campus.*

Do all 1st graders test?

- *Only SDC students and students whose parents have returned an Opt Out form will not be tested.*

I have a booklet for a student who is in SDC, what do I do with it?

- *Please IMMEDIATELY return that book to the GATE Department, via Intra District mail. Do not administer the NNAT to that, or any SDC student, without first talking to Kari.*

I have booklets for students who have transferred to another school or district, what do I do with it?

- *Please IMMEDIATELY return that book to the GATE Department, via Intra District mail. If the student transferred within SCUSD, we may be able to connect it with their new classroom.*

During the test:

I notice that one of my students has skipped a question, or has bubbled in more than one answer. Can I tell that child to fix the error?

- *In a situation like these, a whole-class reminder is appropriate. "Class, remember that we are looking for the ONE correct answer." or "Class, please remember to complete each question."*

What if a student has a bathroom emergency?

- *Please avoid this by taking your class for a bathroom trip right before the test, but emergencies may happen anyway. You can choose keep an eye on the amount of time that child was out of the room and give that much time at the end (so he or she still has a complete 30 minutes).*

After the test:

How do I return the tests?

- *After the test and any makeups are completed, please look through and clean up any answers that you think the scanner might not be able to read (an x over the bubble instead of filling it in, for example). You may not enter an answer for a student, only clarify what the student already answered. If there are two or more bubbles filled in, just leave it. Package up the completed test booklets and the blank copy in the envelope provided and put it in the district mail to send back to the GATE office.*

When and how will parents receive the results of the test?

- *The GATE office will provide letters for parents. These will give parents their student's score on the NNAT, along with how to interpret it, and also share information about whether their students would benefit from GATE services at this time.*

What do we do if students are absent during one or more test sessions?

- *Please do your best to handle all test makeups at your site. If a makeup cannot be completed at your site, we will host one make up day at Camellia Basic on Wednesday, February 17th at 9:00 AM Parents will be responsible for bringing their students to this makeup session.*

If a student finishes early, what do they do?

- *Encourage them to look back through the booklet to check that they completed all of the questions. They may be provided with scratch paper to draw, or some other silent activity.*

How will teachers access scores?

- *Once testing is complete, test results will be exported to Illuminate and Infinite Campus. Test results along with GATE Identification status, will be shared with all parents.*

Will anything else be required of me after I have turned in the tests?

- *Teachers will receive a Teacher Rating Scale to complete for those students who have scored at the 77th percentile or above. This will be a different, shorter form from the one used in the past. These forms including the ratings, and teacher comments or observations are a valuable part of the GATE Identification process.*

Are we still able to refer students for GATE screening at other times?

- *Yes, referral screening will still take place for 2nd, 4th, 5th, and 6th graders. Information on how teachers and parents can refer students for screening can be found on the GATE website: <http://www.scusd.edu/post/gate-identification-process-and-timeline>.*

What happens if a student is identified as GATE?

- *Kari will communicate with the parents and teacher to determine whether the student is appropriately placed, or if he or she would benefit from being moved to one of the district's GATE centers or GATE cluster sites.*

Please contact Kari Hanson-Smith with any questions or concerns!

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