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Dear Parents:

The Gifted and Talented Education (GATE) program at Green Brook Township Public Schools is proud to offer Academic Enrichment (AE) in grades K through 4 and Talented classes for enriched related arts instruction in grades 3 and 4. AE classes meet once a week on a pull-out basis; Talented classes meet every other week during Flex periods. The information below will provide insight into the process for determining student placement into AE and Talented classes.

How are placements for the AE classes determined?

Academic Enrichment

The following will be used to determine eligibility:

- Parent or student request
- Teacher recommendation
- Report card grades
- Recent district reading and math assessments
- PARCC scores (grades 3 and 4)
- Cognitive Abilities Test (CogAt) score

Talented

The following will be used to determine eligibility:

- Parent or student application during Spring months
- Teacher recommendation
- Performance-based assessment held by content area specialist

Is my child prepared to be successful in AE or Talented classes?

Students in advanced classes...

- Possess exceptional self-direction, initiative, and perseverance.
- Analyze, evaluate and synthesize more complex text and in-depth concepts.
- Are motivated to apply what they learn beyond the classroom.
- Have a genuine interest in learning

If you decide that you'd like to be considered for the AE or Talented class, please contact your child's teacher and/or Mr. Fornale. We hope that you'll be joining us for what is sure to be a successful and exciting year.

Sincerely,

Mr. Paul Fornale, Principal
Irene E. Feldkirchner Elementary School