



Parent/Family Newsletter

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Choices Process for 2024–2025 Enrollment

Applying for Gifted Magnets and Schools for Advanced Studies

This year's on-time 2024-2025 Choices application window opens on **Monday, October 2, 2023**, and closes on Friday, November 17, 2023. Online applications are encouraged since parents/guardians will receive notification letters via email. To submit your application online, visit: GoTo.LAUSD.net. You may also submit a paper application by picking up a Choices brochure at your child's school or Region/District Offices. For descriptions of all Choices programs including Schools for Advanced Studies (SAS) and Gifted Magnets, visit echoices.lausd.net. Here are some helpful tips when applying:



- Be sure to submit your application on or before the Friday, November 17, 2023, deadline (online or postmarked).
- Carefully review all eligibility requirements before applying.
- If you are applying to Gifted Magnets or Schools for Advanced Studies (SAS) and your child is enrolled in a Los Angeles Unified school, including the Virtual Academy and City of Angels, the District will automatically review eligibility through a District verification process in January 2024. Please contact your child's Los Angeles Unified school of attendance for more information about this process.
- If you are applying to Gifted Magnets or Schools for Advanced Studies (SAS) and your child is enrolled in a non-district school, request and confirm that the school of attendance has submitted the Verification of Eligibility form on or before the Friday, November 17, 2023 deadline (email or postmarked). Forms are available beginning Monday, October 2, 2023 at <https://echoices.lausd.net> (select "SAS" and "Who is eligible?").
- If you are applying to Gifted Magnets or Schools for Advanced Studies (SAS) and your child is homeschooled (without a verifying organization) or not enrolled in school, you must contact GATE@lausd.net on or before the November 17, 2023 deadline to initiate the verification process. Detailed information will be available beginning October 2, 2023 at <https://lausd.org/gate> (select Program Options and SAS).
- If you are applying to a Highly Gifted Magnet, parents/guardians may contact Gifted/Talented Programs at (213) 241-4177 or GATE@lausd.net to verify eligibility.
- Late applications and Verification of Eligibility forms, if applicable, will not be accepted for or included in the on-time Choices process. For non-identified applicants, the eligibility recommendation submitted by the principal of the current school of attendance is final.
- Virtual and in-person Choices Fairs will be held in October and November. Information will be provided about all Choices program options. Visit <https://GoTo.LAUSD.net> and select Choices Fairs.

The charts on the next page highlight the different eligibility criteria for Gifted/Highly Gifted Magnets and SAS sites. For detailed criteria information as well as the process to obtain verification, please refer to the Choices brochure or [eChoices](https://echoices.lausd.net) website.

Important Dates

- ♦ **October 2:**
2024-2025 Choices application window opens
- ♦ **October 7:**
Conservatory of Fine Arts begins
- ♦ **October 18:** Fall Visual and Performing Arts referral deadline
- ♦ **October 18:** GATE/SAS Parent Webinar focusing on SAS/Gifted Magnets
- ♦ **November 10:**
Veterans' Day Holiday
- ♦ **November 17:**
2024-2025 Choices application deadline
- ♦ **November 20-24:**
Thanksgiving Recess

Required criteria to apply for Gifted Magnets and Schools for Advanced Studies

<div style="text-align: center; font-size: 2em; font-weight: bold; border: 1px solid white; border-radius: 50%; width: 40px; margin: 0 auto;">1</div> <p style="text-align: center; font-weight: bold; margin-top: 10px;">BE IDENTIFIED</p> <p>Be identified as gifted by Los Angeles Unified in the Intellectual, High Achievement, Specific Academic, Creative, or Leadership Ability Category</p>	or	<div style="text-align: center; font-size: 2em; font-weight: bold; border: 1px solid white; border-radius: 50%; width: 40px; margin: 0 auto;">2</div> <p style="text-align: center; font-weight: bold; margin-top: 10px;">HAVE SCORES</p> <p>Scored in the Standard Exceeded range on the 2023 Smarter Balanced Assessment or received a national percentile score of 85 or above on a District-approved standardized test (most recent year only)</p>	or	<div style="text-align: center; font-size: 2em; font-weight: bold; border: 1px solid white; border-radius: 50%; width: 40px; margin: 0 auto;">3</div> <p style="text-align: center; font-weight: bold; margin-top: 10px;">BE VERIFIED</p> <p>Be verified as eligible by the current school of attendance as meeting the Critical Thinking/Problem Solving Skills Criteria. Note: Applicants to kindergarten SAS must also meet kindergarten-specific criteria</p>	and	<div style="text-align: center; font-size: 2em; font-weight: bold; border: 1px solid white; border-radius: 50%; width: 40px; margin: 0 auto;">4</div> <p style="text-align: center; font-weight: bold; margin-top: 10px;">RESIDE</p> <p>Reside within Los Angeles Unified boundaries at the time of application and while participating in the program</p>
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Required criteria to apply for Highly Gifted Magnets

<div style="text-align: center; font-size: 2em; font-weight: bold; border: 1px solid white; border-radius: 50%; width: 40px; margin: 0 auto;">1</div> <p style="text-align: center; font-weight: bold; margin-top: 10px;">BE IDENTIFIED</p> <p>Be identified as highly gifted (percentile score of 99.9) on an intellectual assessment administered by a Los Angeles Unified designated GATE psychologist</p>	or	<div style="text-align: center; font-size: 2em; font-weight: bold; border: 1px solid white; border-radius: 50%; width: 40px; margin: 0 auto;">2</div> <p style="text-align: center; font-weight: bold; margin-top: 10px;">BE IDENTIFIED</p> <p>Be identified as gifted with a percentile score of 99.5-99.8 (considered "highly gifted applicable") on an intellectual assessment administered by a Los Angeles Unified designated GATE psychologist</p>	and	<div style="text-align: center; font-size: 2em; font-weight: bold; border: 1px solid white; border-radius: 50%; width: 40px; margin: 0 auto;">3</div> <p style="text-align: center; font-weight: bold; margin-top: 10px;">RESIDE</p> <p>Reside within Los Angeles Unified boundaries at the time of application and while participating in the program</p>	<p style="font-weight: bold; margin-top: 10px;">Choices Webinar</p> <p>Join Gifted/Talented Programs and Student Integration Services for an informational webinar focusing on Schools for Advanced Studies, Gifted Magnets, and Highly Gifted Magnets. The webinar will be held on Wednesday, October 18, 2023 from 5:30 - 6:30 p.m.</p>
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GATE/SAS Parent and Family Learning Opportunities



Gifted/Talented Programs offers a variety of options for parents and guardians to learn how to support their gifted child. Flyers for upcoming live sessions and pre-recorded sessions can be found on the "Families" page of our website <https://www.lausd.org/Page/2286>. One of our most popular options is the GATE Parent Hour. The GATE Parent Hour is a monthly Zoom meeting where parents/guardians can log on and get immediate answers to their questions. This meeting is held on the first Wednesday of the month from 5:30 - 6:30 p.m. [Click here](#) for a link to the flyer. A second option is our bi-monthly webinars. Webinars will begin in October and be offered on Zoom. Every webinar is recorded and posted on the "Families" page of our website. Spanish interpretation is available for all webinars. Our first webinar will be held on Wednesday, October 18, 2023 from 5:30 p.m. - 6:30 p.m. [Click here](#) for a link to the flyer. This webinar will feature Rasienna Forss from Gifted/Talented Programs and Song Lee from Student Integration Services. They will be

sharing information on the Choices process for the 2024-2025 school year including information on Schools for Advanced Studies (SAS) and Gifted/Highly Gifted Magnets. Another option is for parents/guardians to view our pre-recorded Online Parent Workshops. These workshops cover a variety of topics from Gifted Identification to Parenting Strategies.