

Agate

North Kitsap School District provides an appropriate and challenging education that affords all students the opportunity to develop to their fullest



potential. Because children think and learn in different ways, and development proceeds at different rates, the district has worked in partnership with parents and the community to develop and provide a number of instructional choice



programs. These programs are located at specific host school sites but serve students from throughout the district. Common to all programs are:

- parent involvement in program development, instructional support, and advisory committees.
- unique instructional and teaching strategies.
- admittance to the programs through a process of application and interview.
- incorporation of the district's comprehensive curriculum and goals of education
- district level management and support
- specially trained staff for the specific program.

Students in the Agate program go beyond mastery of the Washington State Essential Learning Requirements in an environment specifically designed to meet the needs of an academically gifted child.

Mission Statement

North Kitsap School District, in partnership with the community, will provide an academically challenging educational program to meet the diverse needs of all students in a safe, nurturing environment and empower them to be competent, creative, compassionate, and contributing citizens.

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AGATE Program

Alternatives for
Gifted,
Accelerated, and
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Education



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AGATE Program

The AGATE Program (Alternatives for Gifted, Accelerated, and Talented Education) is designed to meet the needs of the most highly capable students. The goal is to develop within each student a desire for high achievement and a sense of responsibility while providing an academically appropriate and challenging education.

North Kitsap School District offers a variety of specialized programs and services to ensure that all students have access to an academically appropriate educational program.

Elementary

In grades 1-6, highly capable students receive instruction in special classrooms located in a host school and focused on acceleration of content and development of thinking skills. In addition, each elementary school provides enrichment opportunities in one or more areas for highly capable students. These may include independent study, literature groups, mini-units, contests, acceleration, and/or foreign language instruction.

High School

A variety of accelerated, honors and independent study classes are offered for advanced students. In addition, high school AGATE students take advantage of Advanced Placement offerings which include English, European History, U.S. History, Spanish, Computer Science, Calculus, Biology, and Art. Successful completion of Advanced Placement classes and subsequent national tests allow students to receive college credit.

Middle Level

In grades 7 and 8, students attend a two period humanities seminar in language arts and social studies and may be enrolled in accelerated math courses. AGATE students also participate in in-depth research projects, science by mail, and independent studies. Students learn to develop their own plans for inquiry while enhancing analytical skills.

Parent Advisory Committee

The AGATE Parent Advisory Committee meets regularly to evaluate program and set goals. Parents and staff plan collaboratively plan curriculum and activities for students.

Admissions Procedures

Students nominated for the AGATE program are tested before the end of the school year (in late August for new students). They are evaluated in the areas of academic achievement, cognitive ability, creativity, and on classroom performance. Task commitment skills and recommendations from teachers are major components of the process. Additional information is obtained through teacher and parent surveys. A multi-disciplinary team reviews this information and makes a student profile which forms a basis for recommended educational programming.

Funding

Funds to support the AGATE program come from a state grant for highly capable students and district funds.

