

Choices, Choices, Choices: The High School GATE Experience

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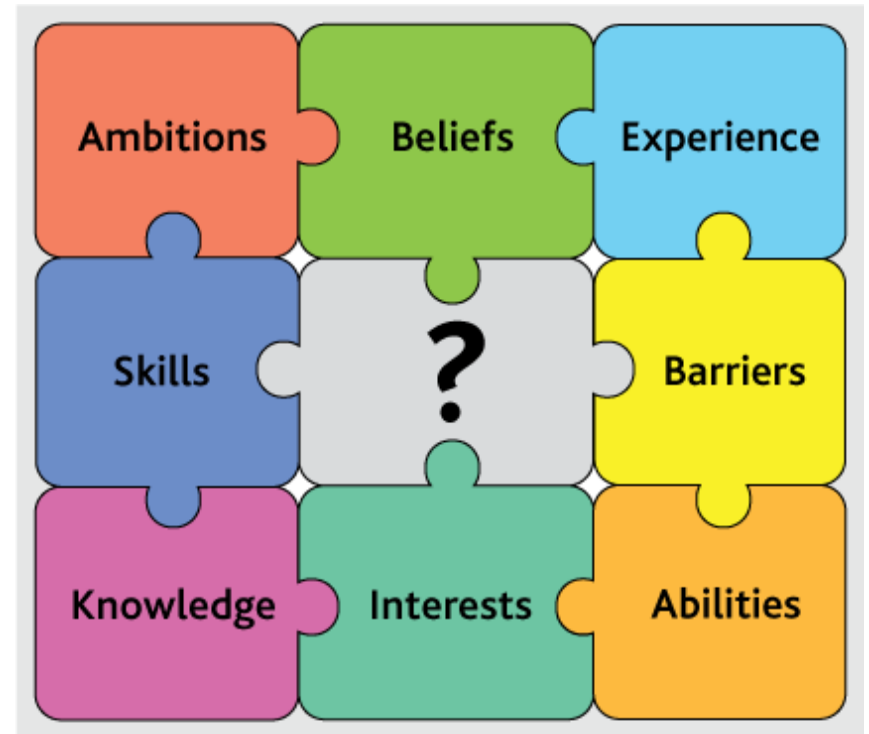
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Gifted and Talented Education

San Diego Unified School District

The many choices in high school:

- Selecting classes, activities, and friends
- Balancing and limiting options
- Planning for and choosing a college



Challenges at school:

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- Different teaching styles
- Higher expectations
- Pressure to succeed

Challenges beyond school:

- Social/peer pressure
- Identity
- Juggling schedules



Choices in course work:

- AP (Advanced Placement)



- IB (International Baccalaureate)



- Honors

- Advanced

Academic College Requirements



- Rigorous course work: AP and Honors
- Grades
- Test scores:
 - PSAT/NMSQT
 - SAT I/ACT
 - SAT II

College and Extracurriculars

- Colleges want to see ENDURANCE and QUALITY
- Leadership
- Commitment to the larger community
- Deepening/enriching understanding of life or a subject
- Strengthen problem-solving skills



A Parent's Role in School

- Maintain contact with teachers and counselors
- Encourage challenging classes and support programs (AVID)
- Attend college night, college fair, financial aid nights



A Parent's Role in the School Community

- Attend GATE parent meetings
- Volunteer for committees such as Site Governance
- Support extra-curricular activities



A Parent's Role at Home

- Show interest in your child's ideas, work, and activities
- Visit museums and cultural events--learn with your child
- Visit college campuses



It's your child's choice!



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