

# Retesting Students

Grades 5 and 7

# Retesting for Seminar grade 5

- **Proposal:** If a child is identified as a GATE Cluster student and has earned 5 scores of Advanced on the California Standards Test, he or she will be eligible for retesting for possible Seminar identification.
- (presently it is 4 scores of Advanced for both grade 5 and grade 7)
- They are eligible if they have only been tested once before.

# Retesting for Seminar grade 7

- Proposal: If a student is identified as a GATE Cluster student and has earned 7 scores of Advanced on the California Standards Test, he or she is eligible for retesting.
- They are eligible if they have only been tested once before.

# Retesting for GATE Cluster

- Proposal: Grade 5—If only tested once before and has either an 85 percentile on the previous Raven or 2 scores of Advanced on the CST
- Proposal: Grade 7—If only tested once before and has either a 90 percentile on the previous Raven or 3 scores of Advanced on the CST

# Rationale

- Due to the vast numbers of students being retested and the few psychologists to accomplish this task, this is a necessary step towards lowering the numbers of eligible students.
- Such a small percentage of students retested are able to be identified for a higher level  
(not identified=>Cluster or Cluster=>Seminar)  
resulting in feelings of inadequacy or insecurity by the student and additional concerns by parents.

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- NOTE: Often the older the child the more mature they are and more developmentally ready. The student will also be more serious about the test and more willing to sit and concentrate on the test. Therefore, a push to have the retest in grade 7 rather than grade 5 is better for the child.