



The High School Experience:

GATE student choices within

learning | **as unique** | as every student



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Programming Choices:

GATE (HWW or QE)

GATE &/or AP (QE)

GATE &/or IB (HWW)

GATE & Community (HWW or QE)

*Consider who **YOU** are as a learner!*



Who am I as a learner?

- enjoy problem solving
- ask probing questions
- am highly curious
- am interested in experimenting & doing things differently
- has a vivid imagination
- seek new & creative ideas
- accept disorder & creativity
- prefer independent work
- get absorbed in a particular subject or area
- like to know a lot about everything

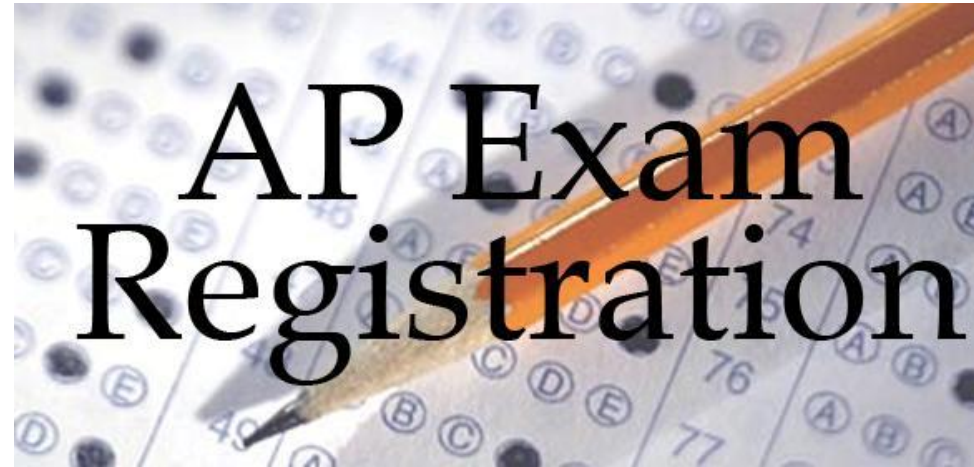
Key Features of GATE program

- enrichment &/or acceleration
 - potential for dual credit (university credits while in high school)
 - explore areas of interest
 - dig deeply into topics
- instructional design based on interests & learning needs
- low student/teacher ratio
- with like-minded students
- work experience opportunities



Key Features of AP Program

- enrichment
- challenging course(s)
- content-based
- accelerated standardized content
- external validation (AP exams)
 - anyone can register to write
- potential for advanced university standing



Comparison

	GATE	AP	IB	Community
Follows Alberta programs of study	✓ yes	✓ yes	✓ yes	✓ yes
enrichment beyond acceleration	choice	standardized	standardized	potential
acceleration	potential	yes	yes	potential
advance credit	potential	potential	potential	potential
peer group	similar	mixed	mixed	mixed
teacher student ratio	smaller	larger	larger	larger

Wise words or out of the mouths of...



Let's hear from some of our students!