

# Gate Advisory Meeting

## @ FUSD Board room

### 12/07/09, Monday 7:00 pm to 8:30 pm

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Attendees: Joline Ellenberg, Chris Wee, Nalinkant Nimavat, Julie Williams, Mylinh Ha-Do, Murali Bharathala, GATE reps.

#### Announcements:

New secretary: Nalinkant Nimavat

New committee for Tech and Website requirements, including online registration: Nishith Vasavada

New Talent Show Chairperson: Chris Wee.

Summer Programs Fair Chairperson: Mylinh Ha-Do.

There is an open position for TGIF Treasurer. Anyone interested in, please let Joline know.  
Another open position is AMC chairperson. AMC8 last month was a big success. Students from 15 schools participated. This position is for AMC10 and AMC12 in coming Feb 24, 2010. AMC is American Math Competition.

#### Grants and Scholarship:

Feb 15, 2010: \$1,000 College Scholarship

Mar 3, 2010: \$10K, \$15K, \$25K Scholarships

#### College Prep:

- Jan 23: 9-1pm: SAT Practice Test
- Jan 30: 9-1pm: ACT Practice Test
- Mar 07: 6-8pm: SAT Essay Practice
- Apr 24: SAT/ACT Practice Test
- June & Sept 2010: PSAT Practice

Schedules are posted on TGIF website and sent to TGIF members via email weekly and monthly.  
SAT and ACT practice tests will be at Chadbourne elementary school.

TGIF website/TGIF Google group/FUSD GATE website: 3 places to get college grant information.  
TGIF communication is sent to TheGiftedinFremont google group via email frequently.

Mylinh, summer program chairperson, gave a brief info on summer programs fair.

- This year 2/3<sup>rd</sup> of the vendors are going to be new/different.
- For the people who are new, it will save a lot of time as we have done a lot of research. It's going to be a one stop shop for summer programs.
- There will be a booklet of all the vendors participating in the fair in case you miss some.
- There will be local and low cost vendors to pick from.
- There will be information on foreign travel.
- Sometimes it's good not to wait until high school. A lot of times things like community service can be done before entering high school.
- It's on Jan 29<sup>th</sup>, Friday at American High School from 7:00 pm to 8:30 pm.
- All the information is available on TGIF website.

- Everyone is encouraged and invited to participate and spread the word.
- There will be gifted programs in arts, science.
- There will be usual camps, tutoring, SAT preps etc.
- This fair is not restricted to GATE, everyone is welcome, so please help spread the word.

Upcoming Family activities:

- Jan 29 : Summer Programs Fair
- Feb 19: Math-Game Night. Julie Williams will be coordinating this event.
- March 8: College Planning Night: Also coordinated by Julie.
- May 21: GATE Olympics.
- June 8: GATE Showcase and Awards Ceremony.

There is a list of Field Trips. All information is available on TGIF website. Upcoming one is Jan 18: Elephant Seals Ed & Tour. There are only about 10 seats left, so if you are interested, please hurry. The field trip registration form can be downloaded from three sites: FUSD-GATE site, TGIF site, and TheGiftedinFremont google group site.

During Spring break, there will be weeklong classes; most of them will be at the Tech Museum in San Jose. Included in the field trip fee is bus transportation from Weibel elementary to the Tech Museum daily.

Every month there are opportunities for community service for families and students. Upcoming are Dec 19 (Alviso), Dec 22 (City of Fremont), Jan 16 (SF Wildlife Refuge). Students need to have a service verification form signed to get credit for hours that can be applied toward a presidential service award. There are gold, silver and bronze awards. Again, more information is available on TGIF website. There are awards for Parents too!

For upcoming field trip, there are 3 volunteers needed. Please sign up! Contact Joline for more information.

Joline presented the list of gate reps. It's also posted on FUSD-GATE and TGIF websites. Again, most of the information presented today is available on FUSD gate/TGIF website/TGIF google group.

Ms. Teri Hu presented "How Would You like to Finish High School Early?"

Ms. Hu teaches English at Washington High School. She was gate identified at age of 7 in Fremont.

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How Would You Like To Finish High School Early?

- Student need to be at least 16 year old and less than 18 years old for the test. There is a narrow 2 year window when the student can take this test.

- Student can finish high school in two-three years instead of four.
- California High School Proficiency Examination (CHSPE) :
  - CHSPE is 3 times a year: March, June and November.
  - There are two sections: Math and English Language Arts.
  - Math is multiple choices only.
  - English portion has two parts: Reading – multiple choice and Language – multiple choices plus writing.
  - [www.chspe.net](http://www.chspe.net) is the website for registration and more info.
- Who should take CHSPE :
  - Extremely high-achieving and ambitious students who want a head start on college.
  - Students who know they want to pursue a technical, mechanical or other skills-based career.
  - Bright but unmotivated students who are not challenged in high school.
  - Students who are behind on units for graduation and would prefer to test out of high school rather than make up the units. This is assuming they possess the skills to pass CHSPE, regardless of their academic record.
  - Students with job opportunities that requires a high school diploma.
- Taking and passing the CHSPE does not mean you have to leave high school.
- What are your options after leaving high school?
  - Four year University. For more details
    - <http://www.universityofcalifornia.edu>
    - <http://www.csumentor.edu>
  - If you are interested in a private or out-of-state university, check out their website.
  - Be prepared to take additional classes at a junior college or night school if you are trying to meet admissions requirements in two years.
  - Most four-year universities will also have testing requirements such as SATs or ACTs in addition to the CHSPE.
  - Community college: California community colleges accept passing CHSPE scores in lieu of a high school diploma. You may need to take additional placement exams.
  - Vocational training: Vocational schools will accept the CHSPE as proof of high school equivalency for enrollment.
  - Workforce: Most full time jobs will require a high school diploma.
- Special notes for high achieving eighth graders :
  - While it may seem premature to be thinking about getting out of high school before you've even started, careful planning is required if your goal is to enter a four-year university with a CHSPE.
  - High school graduation requirements are not identical to university entrance requirements.
  - You need to understand that if you choose this path, you will not be receiving a high school diploma, and you will not walk at graduation. The CHSPE takes the place of all that.
  - You'll have a more rigorous course-load as a freshman and sophomore than most of your classmates.
- You must be prepared to work harder for your success, so make sure your commitment is firm.
  - Information is critical: do your research well ahead of time. You need to know what universities you want to attend and understand their entrance requirements, so you can take the courses to meet them.

- What's the advantage of accelerated high school?
  - You'll stand out as an exceptional applicant to the college.
  - Fulfilling higher level coursework in fewer years is tangible evidence of your academic prowess, dedication and tenacity, desirable qualities universities look for in an applicant.
  - In a competitive admissions environment, this can make the difference in being accepted to your dream school.
- [CHSPEinfo@mst829.info](mailto:CHSPEinfo@mst829.info) is the email to contact in case of questions.
- This may not be for majority of kids. Socio-emotionally, kids need to be ready.
- It's very important to maintain the balance. The FUSD is not an advocate of this program.
- Some private schools like Stanford, Harvard do not accept CHSPE. Do your homework.
- If you are concerned if CHSPE is a fair choice for your 7<sup>th</sup> or 8<sup>th</sup> grader, you may talk to Julie Williams, FUSD GATE program specialist.
- Some GATE students get a GED, and drop out of high school. For them, CHSPE may be a better choice.
- In Fremont, FUSD offers classes at High School that must be taken in a FUSD high school classroom; they won't accept credit from outside.