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Edison Academy Awarded the Five Star School Award

The Ontario-Montclair School District is very proud to announce that the California Association for the Gifted (CAG) will be honoring Edison Academy of Differentiated Learning with a Five Star School Award. This honor is given to only two schools annually in the state of California, and Edison is very excited to receive this recognition. The 5 Star School Award is designed to target various aspects of a school's program and services to students. This includes a school's identification methods, instructional services, program design, and alignment to Common Core Standards. Schools across the state apply for the award and are selected by an education panel after a thorough review. The award will be presented to Edison in February at the CAG Statewide Conference in Palm Springs.

The GATE Academy at Edison was established in 2011. Over the past five years, teachers and staff have worked to implement differentiated GATE strategies to all GATE and non-GATE identified students across classrooms.

Carlos Gonzalez, a 7th grade teacher at Edison stated, "The prompts of Depth and Complexity that are being used daily in our classrooms build a great foundation for life-long learning. As students move through grade levels and beyond into high school, it is really evident that they are gaining a deeper understanding of the prompts, and how they may be used on their academic journey." Mrs. Storlie, a 3rd grade teacher at Edison adds, "What I am most proud of is the fact that the thinking prompts that we teach do not just fit for an academic environment, but for life as well. It's exciting to know that we as teachers have contributed to life-long learners."

The philosophy of the Five Star Schools program is centered around focusing on the strengths and talents of all students to enhance learning. Edison continues to reshape its programs in response to students' needs, and looks forward to taking yet another step forward in their partnership with CAG to promote success for all.

"It is a distinguished honor to have Edison Academy recognized as a **"Five Star School Award"**, stated Board of Trustees President Maureen "Moe" Mendoza, "This is a true reflection of the hard work and dedication of the Edison Academy staff."

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