



When can I apply for the GATE Academy?

Parents of students who are identified as GATE and are in eligible grades can apply starting January 2017.

Will my child automatically be admitted into the GATE Academy?

Students at Ramona who are GATE identified will be given first priority for placement into the self-contained GATE program. All other applicants will be placed in a public random drawing which will take place in February 2017.

Once my child is admitted, will I have to reapply each year?

No. Students who are admitted will automatically be enrolled the following year. Parents will have the option each year to continue with the program.

Will my GATE student receive the same opportunities for communication arts as the rest of the school?

Yes. All Ramona students will have access to a variety of communication arts opportunities.

How will I know my child is right for the Ramona GATE Academy?

Attending informational meetings will be important. At these meetings the program will be discussed and explained. Please talk with your child's teacher to get input as well.

What is a Communication Arts Academy?

We believe the ability to communicate both verbally and in written form is essential to students' academic and social-emotional success. At RCAA, the communication arts will be strongly integrated into each subject matter area. Students will be expected to express their learning both verbally and in written format through a variety of mediums and will be provided with many enrichment activities to both explore and celebrate forms of verbal and written communication. The GATE Academy will also focus their learning around the communication arts theme.

What is an Academy?

An academy is a magnet school with a differentiated curriculum.

What is the parent commitment to the program?

It is always crucial for parents to be involved in the education of their child. Because students may be participating in many enrichment activities and may be required to do community service, parents will need to be ready to help with a variety of activities. We support parent involvement at Ramona Academy and may ask parents to be a part of the planning committee or subcommittee. Additionally we may need help in developing community partnerships to secure additional funding to enhance our programs. Parents who have talents in specialized areas will be welcomed to do guest speaking or lead groups as needed.



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**Ramona
Communication Arts
Academy**

an accelerated learning community



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Our mission at Ramona Communication Arts Academy is to motivate, inspire and empower students by promoting exceptional communication skills. Through collaboration and differentiation, we establish a philosophy of high expectations so that the learning community thrives.

Ramona Communication Arts Academy



RCAA offers a high-quality, rigorous, standards-based instructional program taught by fully credentialed, passionate teachers. At Ramona Academy, all students are instructed using the highly acclaimed Learning Headquarters writing program. In addition, students have the opportunity to explore oral and written communication arts through a variety of opportunities including, but not limited to:

- Utilizing technology, including iPads, to research and create projects
- Producing published writing
- Designing the yearbook
- Broadcasting through webinars
- Broadcast journalism
- Participating in plays, skits, and music performances
- Communicating with guest authors
- Celebrating with a 'Writing Gala'
- Developing 'Young Authors'
- Creating poetry anthology
- Participating in 'Author's Chair'
- Communicating with pen-pals via Skype
- Creating online blogs



Information About Our School

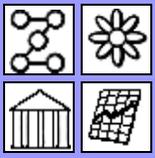


Ramona Communication Arts Academy is a preschool through sixth grade campus accepting students from the Ontario-Montclair School District boundaries and neighboring communities. All teachers are highly qualified with specialized training in the Common Core State Standards, Academic Language Development, Cognitively Guided Instruction, Learning Headquarters Writing, Depth and Complexity and KAGAN cooperative learning.



Our school district administers the NNAT2 GATE identifier to all second grade students and qualifies students as early as third grade. We are proud to offer a self-contained GATE program that allows identified students accelerated and enriched learning experiences that meet their particular social-emotional and academic needs.

Ramona GATE Academy (Gifted and Talented Education)



As a compliment to our communication arts focus, Ramona is pleased to offer specialized GATE classes for identified students in upper grades. These classes are taught by teachers with explicit training in the socio-emotional and intellectual desires of gifted children.



Students will get the benefits of an accelerated base program as well as enriching lessons that meet the academic and socio-emotional goals of GATE students. Because these classrooms are self-contained, students will receive additional opportunities for personalized instruction meeting the specific goals set forth by the teacher and parent.

The program includes:

- Instruction in adopted California Common Core State Standards.
- Researched GATE strategies including the Depth and Complexity Model
- Instruction at an accelerated pace
- Enriched curriculum
- Academic integration of school-wide Communication Arts theme

