Guidelines for

Gifted and Talented Selective Entrance to Secondary Schools and Programs

Application, selection and placement

October 2013
Introduction

The Department of Education in Western Australia offers exceptionally able children a choice of secondary schools and programs as part of the Gifted and Talented Program.

Entry to the programs is highly sought after and competitive. Places are offered on the basis of children’s performances in the selection requirements specific to each program.

A parent is responsible for completing and lodging the application form for their child’s current year group. The Department accepts no responsibility for incorrect applications that result in children being tested for the wrong intake.

All applicants are required to sit the Academic Selective Entrance Test regardless of program/programs applied for. Additional selection requirements vary according to the specific program, for example arts and languages programs may include skill assessment tasks, school reports, interviews, auditions, portfolios and workshops.

An applicant accepting placement into a program can enrol at the school even if they do not live in that school’s local (intake) area.

Applications must be received by the closing date of 12.00 noon on Monday 10 February 2014. All successfully lodged applications will receive an automatically generated email confirming the application prior to the closing date.

1. Criteria for entry

1.1 Gifted and Talented Selective Academic Programs

Academic Selective Entrance Test

The Academic Selective Entrance Test comprises four components:
- Reading Comprehension
- Communicating Ideas in Writing
- Quantitative Reasoning
- Non-Verbal/Abstract Reasoning.

Prior to the test, all applicants will receive a Candidate Information Bulletin which details the components of the test and appropriate behaviour expected of students within exam conditions. There are no sample/previous papers for the Western Australian Academic Selective Entrance Test.

An applicant who sits the Academic Selective Entrance Test receives an individual performance report. Based on the results of the test, the applicant may then be offered a place in their preferred program. Due to the high number of applicants for limited places in the Selective Academic Programs, there is no guarantee of an offer at the school of choice.

Acknowledgement of application and information about testing date, time, venue and assessment procedures for the Academic Selective Entrance Test will be sent to the applicant after the application closing date.
1.2 Gifted and Talented Selective Arts Programs
All Arts applicants must sit the Academic Selective Entrance Test.

Additional Arts selection requirements vary depending on the area of program and may include school reports, interviews, auditions, portfolios and workshops. Due to the high number of applicants for limited places in the Selective Arts Programs, there is no guarantee of an offer at the school of choice.

A child with a learning disability may apply for a Selective Entrance Test Exemption (Arts Only) by requesting an application form (T: 9264 4307). For further details see Section 6.

Acknowledgement of application and information about testing date, time, venue and assessment procedures will be sent to the applicant after the application closing date.

Music applicants: An applicant for the Selective Arts Program in Music must nominate one or two musical instruments that they currently play. As an applicant cannot be selected for piano/keyboard in the Selective Arts Program in Music, an applicant who only plays piano will be tested on the piano but will be expected to learn a second instrument once accepted into the program. An applicant who currently plays piano and a second instrument will be tested on the second instrument. Singing (voice) is an instrument and can be nominated.

1.3 Gifted and Talented Languages Programs
All Languages applicants must sit the Academic Selective Entrance Test.

Based on the results of the Academic Selective Entrance Test, the applicant may then be offered an interview. Due to the high number of applicants for limited places in the Selective Languages Programs, there is no guarantee of an offer at the school of choice.

Acknowledgement of application and information about testing date, time, venue and assessment procedures will be sent to the applicant after the application closing date.

1.4 Test breaches of conduct
Applicants who attend the testing are seen to agree to the conditions/conduct specified in the Candidate Information Bulletin. Any student who acts outside of these conditions/conduct will have his/her case put before the Gifted and Talented Test Standards Panel and be notified as to the outcome in writing within 28 days of the testing date.

2. Age and year

2.1 Year 7 placement for 2015
A child seeking a place in a Gifted and Talented Program in Year 7 is required to be in Year 6 when they sit the Academic Selective Entrance Test.
Year 8 placement for 2015
A Year 7 child can only apply for Gifted and Talented programs for entry to Year 8 if they have not already completed the testing as a Year 6 candidate. The exception is the selective music program for which an applicant can reapply. All places are based on available vacancies. In some programs there may be no vacancies for Year 7 applicants.

2.2 Acceleration
A child is eligible for acceleration if they achieve in the top 1% of all assessed applicants for the Academic Selective Entrance Test. All accelerations must be the result of negotiation between the Gifted and Talented Selection Unit, parents and the school principal.

Students who have been accelerated in the year in which they sit the test can only be considered for the year they have applied for if their test results are in the top 1% as above.

2.3 Places in Years 9, 10 and 11
Children entering Years 9, 10 and 11 are required to be in the year level prior to the year level for which they are applying when they sit the Academic Selective Entrance Test (for example, a child in Year 9 can only sit the testing for entry to Year 10).

If an applicant completes the Academic Selective Entrance Test for an intake beyond what they are age appropriate for (for example, a Year 7 applying for Year 9) they will be deemed ineligible for testing the following year. The Academic Selective Entrance Test score will be carried over for the next year’s selection process.

An applicant completing the testing in the correct year group who is unsuccessful is eligible to apply for the next year level (up to a place in Year 11) the following year.

All places are based on available vacancies. In some programs there may be no vacancies for selected intakes.

3. Australian citizenship and residency status
An applicant must be an Australian or New Zealand Citizen; or holder of a visa granting Permanent Resident status in Australia; or holder of a non-fee paying temporary visa as classified in the Department of Education’s Enrolment Policy.

Parents must be living in Western Australia at the beginning of the school year that their child’s place in the Gifted and Talented program commences. If parents normally live in Western Australia but are temporarily out of the State, they should be intending to return in the near future. An application for a child whose parents continue to live outside Western Australia will be considered only if there are vacancies after all suitable applicants from Western Australia have been placed.

Parents of a child who accepts a place in a Gifted and Talented Selective Entrance school should reside in Western Australia. Where this is not the
case it is necessary for parents to gain approval for continued enrolment from the school principal.

An applicant who is unable to meet the residency requirements but believes there are extenuating circumstances to their case may apply provided they are already living in Australia and intend to stay for the full five years of secondary school.

4. Enrolment policy

Information for parents about eligibility for enrolment in public schools is detailed in the Department of Education’s Enrolment Policy.

Important notes:
• Fee-paying Temporary Visa Holders are ineligible to apply for Gifted and Talented Programs. This includes (but is not limited to) holders of the 570, 571, 572, 573 and 575 visa sub classes. For clarification of the visa sub classes deemed as fee-paying, refer to the Enrolment Policy.
• Applications submitted by non-fee paying Temporary and Permanent Visa Holders may be placed “on hold” pending clarification of residency status. Only when eligible residency status is confirmed can a place be considered for an applicant.
• An offer and/or enrolment will be terminated if a place is offered on the basis of false or misleading information.

5. Academic Selective Entrance Test Exemption (Arts only)

An Arts-only applicant diagnosed with a learning disability and with medical evidence may apply for an exemption from the Academic Selective Entrance Test by requesting and completing the Academic Selective Entrance Test Disability Exemption (Arts Only) form. The form must be received by the Gifted and Talented Selection Unit at least seven days before the testing date. Forms are available by telephoning 9264 4307 or emailing gate@education.wa.edu.au.

6. Cost

There is no cost involved in the application, assessment, selection and placement processes, except in the following circumstances:

a. An overseas/interstate applicant who is not undertaking schooling as part of the Western Australian Department of Education is liable for any costs associated with sending test papers overseas/interstate and obtaining the services of an appropriate test invigilator.

b. A parent in a rural location may also be required to pay for a third-party invigilator if their child is unable to travel to the nearest regional testing centre.
7. Registration of interest for future intakes

Anyone can register interest to receive notification of the opening of applications by visiting www.det.wa.edu.au/giftedandtalented.

Registration of interest is not an application for the Academic Selective Entrance Test. An online application must be completed and submitted before 12.00 noon on Monday 10 February 2014.

8. Application process

8.1 Lodging an application

Once applications open, a parent must lodge their child’s application online at www.det.wa.edu.au/giftedandtalented.

All successfully lodged applications will receive an automatically generated email to confirm the application.

In lodging an application, parents commit to providing information that is true and correct at the time of lodgment. Offers and/or enrolments made on the basis of false or misleading information will be terminated.

In lodging an application, parents accept and acknowledge that they have read the Key Dates and Timelines for the 2014 testing schedule. The Department of Education accepts no responsibility or liability for missed testing due to postal issues, technical issues, or travel.

8.2 Selecting the correct application

It is the parent’s responsibility to ensure the correct application form is completed for their child’s year group and to read all correspondence from the Gifted and Talented Selection Unit.

Where errors are discovered, the application may be amended and the applicant may be able to sit the correct test. Where the error goes unrectified, the applicant may be able to resit the test the following year for possible placement in the next intake where vacancies exist.

Parents can telephone 9264 4307 to find out the correct application intake for their child. The Department of Education accepts no responsibility for incorrect applications.

8.3 Number of applications

An applicant may only lodge one application per intake year. Should more than one application per intake be received, the last submitted application will be considered.

8.4 Number of preferences

An applicant may choose a maximum of three (3) preferences for Gifted and Talented Programs from the Academic, Arts and Languages. Preferences can be a mixture of program areas (for example, Academic and Arts) or only one (for example, Academic).

An offer of a place is based on the highest ranked preference for which the applicant qualifies.
8.5 Late applications
Late applications are not accepted. The Department of Education does not accept liability for personal computer malfunctions, use of incompatible browsers, lost postal applications or applications that arrive after the closing date.

An applicant will receive immediate email confirmation of their application submission.

8.6 Overseas/interstate applicants
The Department of Education has processes in place to allow children to be tested through a third party. A parent is required to provide an appropriate third party supervisor to administer the testing and meet all costs associated with the testing, including the courier of secure test papers. An overseas/interstate applicant will be contacted with further details following the close of applications.

An overseas applicant who is overseas/interstate may be provided with alternative submission arrangements if available once evidence has been provided after completing the Request for Late Consideration into Gifted and Talented Programs form. The form can be obtained by telephoning 9264 4307 or emailing gate@education.wa.edu.au.

9. Placement process
9.1 Year 7 2015 placement
The number of vacancies available for each program:

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9.2 Years 8, 9, 10 and 11, 2015 placement
The number of vacancies depends on student numbers at the end of the school year. In some schools there may be no vacancies.

Please note:
- John Curtin College of the Arts Dance limitations:
  o Year 9, 2015 – Contemporary Dance only
  o Year 11, 2015 – Ballet only
- Churchlands Senior High School Music limitations:
  o Year 9, 2015 – Violin and Cello only
  o Year 10, 2015 – Violin, Cello and Saxophone only.

9.3 Gifted and Talented Academic Programs
Selection is based on scores obtained in the Academic Selective Entrance Test. Applicants obtaining qualifying scores are offered places until all places are filled. Offers are made by the Gifted and Talented Selection Unit.

9.4 Gifted and Talented Languages Programs
Selection is based on the score obtained in the Academic Selective Entrance Test. An applicant who qualifies based on this score may be invited to an interview. A combination of the interview and test results will rank the applicant for an offer. Highest ranked applicants are offered places until all places are filled. Offers are made by the Gifted and Talented Selection Unit.

9.5 Gifted and Talented Arts Programs (Artsmedia, Dance, Drama, Music, Music Theatre and Visual Arts)
Entry to Arts programs occurs through a variety of selection procedures depending on the specific program. Procedures may include auditions, workshops, submission of portfolios and/or interviews.

Applicants for Artsmedia, Dance, Drama and Music Theatre are ranked by 65% practical, 15% interview and 20% Humanities Index from the Academic Selective Entrance Test. Visual Arts applicants are ranked by 55% practical, 25% interview and 20% Humanities Index from the Academic Selective Entrance Test. Music applicants are selected on aural and practical tests and interview.

Applicants are ranked, with the highest ranked qualifying applicants gaining offers of place until all vacancies are filled. Offers are made by the Gifted and Talented Selection Unit.

Note: Arts testing performance reports are not provided.

9.6 Academic Selective Entrance Test venues
Year 6 applicants in the metropolitan and Bunbury areas will be tested on Saturday 15 March 2014 at a testing venue in the same region as their listed home address.

Year 7, 8, 9 and 10 applicants in the metropolitan area will be tested at a venue to be advised between February 19 and March 5 2014. This venue will be the same for all applicants, with the exception of those currently
a Gifted and Talented Selective Entrance programs school where in-house testing may be available.

Year 6, 7, 8, 9 and 10 applicants in regional areas will be tested at a venue in the same region as their listed home address between 10 -17 March 2014.

Applicants unable to travel to their closest regional centre will be required to follow Gifted and Talented international/interstate testing processes by which they obtain the services of an approved third-party test invigilator at their own cost. Telephone 9264 4307 for further information.

NOTE: Year 7, 8, 9 and 10 metropolitan applicants living beyond a 60km radius from the allocated testing venue may be allocated a venue closer to their listed home address if available or, alternatively, requested to follow the international/interstate testing process outlined above.

The Department takes no responsibility for any costs associated with travel to and from testing venues.

9.7 Illness/misadventure on the testing day
A parent whose child is sick on the day of testing (and whom must obtain a medical certificate for that date) or otherwise unavoidably unable to attend on the day of testing, must telephone the Gifted and Talented Selection Unit on 9264 4307 within 48 hours of the original testing date to arrange an alternative testing date.

Note: A country applicant may be required to travel to a metropolitan testing venue in cases where a local venue is unavailable on an alternate date.

9.8 Test results
An applicant will be sent an Academic Performance Report that is percentile-ranked. Results demonstrate the performance of the applicant in each of the four test components in relation to all other applicants. The results are not an indication of the raw score but of the applicant’s performance in each test compared to all applicants who sat the tests.

Performance reports for Arts testing are not provided.

9.9 Test result appeals
A parent who wishes to request papers to be remarked is required to obtain the Appeal Selective Entrance Test Results form by telephoning 9264 4307 or emailing gate@education.wa.edu.au.

A completed appeal form must be received by email, post or hand delivery no later than 14 days from the date the Academic Performance Report was sent.

Posted forms should be addressed to:
Principal Consultant
Gifted and Talented Selection Unit
Department of Education
151 Royal Street
EAST PERTH   WA   6004
An appeal request will be responded to in writing within 28 days from the deadline of appeal submissions.

9.10 Misadventure/illness
A request for consideration can be made if there were special factors on the day of the test which could have prevented the applicant from performing to the best of their ability.

A parent who wishes to lodge a request for consideration based on special circumstances must request the Gifted and Talented Illness/Misadventure form by telephoning 9264 4307 or emailing gate@education.wa.edu.au.

A completed illness/misadventure form must be received by email, post or hand-delivery no later than 14 days from the date the Academic Performance Report was sent.

Posted forms should be addressed to:
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Department of Education
151 Royal Street
EAST PERTH WA 6004

If a parent is aware in advance that their child’s test performance is likely to be affected by illness, the Gifted and Talented Selection Unit must be notified prior to the test as part of the illness/misadventure process.

A request for consideration based on illness will be considered only in exceptional circumstances and must include medical evidence.

A Selective Entrance Test Review Panel will respond in writing within 28 days after receiving an illness/misadventure request for consideration.

9.11 Notification of offer of placement
An applicant will be notified in writing about the outcome of their application following the release of the Academic Performance Reports.

An applicant may be:
(a) offered a place at a school on their list of preferences OR
(b) put on the reserve list OR
(c) put on hold as a way of staying in the selection process if the offer of a place is for the second or third preference OR
(d) advised that they did not qualify for a place.

9.12 Early advice
If a parent needs to know the possible outcome from testing early due to fee commitments at a private school, a request in writing must be submitted by email to gate@education.wa.edu.au or posted to:

Principal Consultant
Gifted and Talented Selection Unit
Department of Education
151 Royal Street
EAST PERTH WA 6004
The letter must include evidence of an offer of a place to a private school with the closing date and the amount of the deposit clearly stated.

A parent may then telephone the Gifted and Talented Selection Unit on 9264 4307 following the release of the Academic Performance Reports and, given that early release of information has been approved, request a likely outcome.

No guarantee of the accuracy of the information can be provided as the selection process will not have been finalised at that stage.

9.13 Response to an offer of place
An applicant is requested to respond as soon as possible after receipt of an offer. If a response is not received by the date specified on the letter of offer, it is assumed that the offer has been declined. Where an offer is made by telephone, a response is generally required within 48 hours.

A family away on holidays when offers are to be released should make arrangements to have mail forwarded to an appropriate address or request email contact.

On receipt of the acceptance, the Gifted and Talented Selection Unit sends a Confirmation of Placement letter within ten (10) working days, confirming the acceptance and providing further information regarding enrolment at the school. An offer of a place will be withdrawn if the applicant fails to enrol at the school by the specified date without providing a satisfactory explanation to the school.

Enrolment may not be deferred beyond the first day of Term 3 in the intake year. Any deferment must be negotiated with and approved by the school principal.

If an offer is accepted, followed by a change of circumstances that prevents the applicant attending, the school must be informed as soon as possible.

9.14 Holiday arrangements/change of address
It is a parent’s responsibility to ensure that all contact details are current.

If an applicant is to be away when offers are scheduled to be released, either contact the Gifted and Talented Selection Unit requesting email contact or have the mail redirected.

The Department is not responsible for the loss of an offer of a place due to incorrect address details or lack of communication regarding alternate arrangements.

9.15 Family placement claim
A family placement claim only comes into effect where there are two applicants with equal scores – one with a sibling already in the program – and only one place available. In this situation, the Gifted and Talented Selection Unit will give priority to the applicant with a previously placed brother or sister. Family placement claims are identified automatically by the Gifted and Talented Selection Unit and the relevant school in the process of offers and acceptances.
9.16 Twins/multiple birth applicants
Due to high demand for places in Gifted and Talented Programs, a parent should not expect places for multiple birth siblings if only one has been successful. Consideration will be given where multiple birth siblings have similar levels of academic merit, however the placement of one multiple birth sibling does not guarantee the placement of the other/s.

9.17 Change of preferences
An applicant is advised to consider carefully their preferences on the application form. An applicant will receive an offer based on their ranked preferences; they do not get a choice of all three, regardless of test results.

Example: Applicant A selects the following in order of preference:
1. Selective Academic Program at Shenton College
2. Selective Academic Program at Kelmscott Senior High School
3. Selective Visual Arts Program at Balcatta Senior High School

If Applicant A qualifies for Visual Arts at Balcatta Senior High School and Academic at Kelmscott Senior High School, the applicant will be offered the higher ranked preference only (that is, Academic at Kelmscott Senior High School).

An applicant wishing to change preferences before the Academic Performance Reports are released must telephone the Gifted and Talented Selection Unit on 9264 4307. An applicant wishing to change the order of preferences after the Academic Performance Reports have been released needs to email gate@education.wa.edu.au and put their request in writing.

9.18 Deferring a place
A parent is entitled to request a deferral for a maximum of six months from the commencement date of their child’s offered place. All deferrals are at the discretion of the Gifted and Talented program school principal.

9.19 Reserve lists
Applicants who have been unsuccessful in gaining their preferred placement may be offered a place on a Reserve List. Reserve Lists will remain active until the 1 December of the testing year. All Reserve List offers will be made by phone with responses required within a 48 hour timeframe.

10. Transfers between Gifted and Talented Programs
A child wishing to transfer from their current Gifted and Talented Program place has two options:

1. The child can apply for entry to their preferred program through the annual testing which involves sitting the Academic Selective Entrance Test for the selected intake year. This excludes Year 7 applicants who have already sat for the Year 6 testing (see Section 2.1).

2. The child can lodge a Request for Transfer form. The child will be assessed on previous Academic Selective Entrance Test scores and current school performance and may be required to attend an interview. This option only applies to children wishing to transfer to a like program.
(that is, from one Academic program to another Academic program and not from one Academic program to an Arts or Languages program).

Current Academic Selective Entrance Test scores are the most accurate measure of a child’s suitability for program placement. Priority for available vacancies will be given to those children who sit the testing for their transfer year group, based on their ranked test scores. All other transfer requests will be considered once the testing process is complete.

Request for Transfer forms are available by telephoning the Gifted and Talented Selection Unit on 9264 4307 or emailing gate@education.wa.edu.au. A completed form and required attachments must be returned emailed to gate@education.wa.edu.au, hand delivered or posted to:

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Gifted and Talented Selection Unit
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151 Royal Street
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All transfers depend on available vacancies.

11. Boarding facilities

11.1 City Beach Residential College
City Beach Residential College provides boarding services for country applicants offered places at Perth Modern School. Applicants accepted into John Curtin College of the Arts and other schools offering Gifted and Talented Programs may request to be considered once offers have been received.

W:  www.det.wa.edu.au/boarding
T:  1800 645 212.

11.2 Rotary Residential College
Rotary Residential College is situated at Kent Street Senior High School and provides boarding services for secondary school children.

T:  9470 4177
A:  Manager
    Rotary Residential College
    Kent Street
    EAST VICTORIA PARK   WA   6101

11.3 Gifted and Talented Boarding Allowance
The Gifted and Talented Boarding Allowance is available for children boarding at City Beach Residential College who do not qualify for the Australian Government’s Assistance for Isolated Children and State Boarding Away from Home boarding allowances. The Gifted and Talented
Boarding Allowance is administered by City Beach Residential College for eligible children.

12. Scholarship

Olive A Lewis Scholarship
Children offered places in Selective Academic Programs in Years 7, 8, 9 and 10 are eligible to apply. This scholarship provides financial support to children whose participation in Selective Academic Programs may be restricted due to financial need. Scholarships are means-tested. Application forms are sent, on request, to all eligible children in November each year.

Applicants must commit to the timeframe indicated on the scholarship. Failure to meet requirements of the scholarship will result in immediate termination of the scholarship and the return of unexpended funds to the Department of Education.

13. Sample/previous test papers

There are no previous papers for the Western Australian Academic Selective Entrance Test.

Parents of Year 6 and 7 applicants may purchase scholarship books on selective entrance tests that are available in education stores (for example test skills mathematics, reading comprehension books) or go to NSW Sample Test.

The Department of Education does not accept any liability for the cost or usefulness of the products.

A Candidate Information Bulletin with details about the format, sample questions and timings of the tests will be forwarded to all applicants along with testing information.

14. Withdrawal from programs

A child who withdraws from a program and enrols at another school, for whatever reason, without a pre-authorised deferral of placement from the school principal is deemed to have terminated their standing and has no guarantee of future access to Gifted and Talented Programs.

All program deferrals are at the discretion of the Gifted and Talented Program school principal and cannot exceed six months.


Can I apply online?
Yes, just go to www.det.wa.edu.au/giftedandtalented. Applications open on 1 October 2013 and close at 12.00 noon on Monday, 10 February 2014.
If my child has only applied for Arts programs is he/she required to sit the Academic Selective Entrance Test?
Yes, all children applying for Gifted and Talented Programs are required to sit the Academic Selective Entrance Test, regardless of program. See 1. Criteria for entry.

My child has applied for Arts programs only and has a learning disability. Can my child be exempted from the Academic Selective Entrance Test?
Yes, See Academic Selective Entrance Test Exemption (Arts only).

When will the testing take place?
Please refer to the Key Dates and Timelines on the website www.det.wa.edu.au/giftedandtalented. For information on testing venues see Academic Selective Entrance Test venues.

Why have I not heard about my application?
See Lodging an application for information on application confirmation procedures.

I will be away throughout the correspondence/notification period, what can I do?
See Holiday arrangements/change of address.

What if my child, who is an Australian citizen, will be overseas/interstate at the time of the testing?
The Department of Education can make allowances to have your child tested through a third party. You are required to provide an appropriate third party supervisor to administer the testing and meet all costs associated with this and the courier of test papers. See Overseas/interstate applicants.

Can my child, who is not an Australian citizen, apply for Gifted and Talented Programs?
Possibly. A child must be an Australian or New Zealand citizen or hold a visa granting permanent resident status in Australia. See Australian citizenship and residency status.

Is the preference order important? Can I change my preferences?
Yes. See Change of preferences and Number of preferences.

Can I obtain previous years papers or sample tests?
No. There are no previous or sample papers for the Western Australian academic Selective Entrance Test. See Sample/previous test papers.

What if my child is sick on his/her testing date?
See Illness/misadventure on the testing day and Misadventure/illness.
What happens if my child’s testing details don’t arrive and we miss the testing?

Parents are required to accept the Key Dates and Timelines for the 2014 testing schedule at the time of application. See **Lodging an application**.

Can I get some early advice to make a decision about placement at another school?

Yes, See **Early advice**.

My elder child is in a Gifted and Talented program, can I get the younger sibling in the same program?

See **Family placement claim**.

I have twins with only one being offered a program. Can the unsuccessful twin be offered a place?

See **Twins/multiple birth applicants**.

I do not believe the results from the Selective Entrance Test are correct. Can I appeal the results?

Yes. See **Test result appeals**.

Can I obtain a report for my child’s Arts testing?

No. Progressions through the Arts selection process are on the basis of a moderated panel. See **Gifted and Talented Arts Programs (Artsmedia, Dance, Drama, Music, Music Theatre and Visual Arts)**.

Can my child request a transfer to a different Academic Gifted and Talented program?

Yes. See **Transfers between Gifted and Talented Programs**.

Can my child be accelerated a year in Gifted and Talented programs?

Possibly. See **Acceleration**.

I filled in the wrong application form and now my child has sat the Selective Entrance Test for the wrong year group – what can I do?

Selecting the correct application intake is important. See **Selecting the correct application**.

Can I enter more than one application?

No. See **Number of applications**.

My child’s testing venue seems to be a very long way from our home – can he/she be tested somewhere closer by?

Flexibility with testing venues is extremely limited. See **Academic Selective Entrance Test venues**.
My child wants to take a break from the Gifted and Talented program – is this possible?
   Yes. See Deferring a place and Withdrawal from programs.

For any other questions, please contact 9264 4307 or email gate@education.wa.edu.au