



East Lansing
Public Schools

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Guidelines for Current and Prospective GATE (Gifted and Talented Education – MSU) Students In ELPS

In an effort to offer guidance to current and / or prospective GATE students, the following guidelines provide both an articulation of requirements for all GATE students and a protocol for matriculation of credits and course sequence options for participating students. GATE is part of Michigan State University's Gifted and Talented program/office. The programs serve to support accelerated learning options for qualified students. For additional details about special programs offered through GATE please email GATE at gifted@msu.edu or by phone at 517-432-2129 or contact your school guidance counselor.

ELPS Guidelines

GATE – Enrollment in GATE programs is accomplished through the MSU Office of Gifted and Talented programming. Enrollment in these credit programs (ISHALL & CHAMP) is completed in cooperation with MSU and ELPS/ELHS/MacDonald Middle School. Applications are completed through MSU and acceptance into GATE programs is dependent upon a qualifying application. High school credit eligibility for these programs is determined through the East Lansing High School Registrar and Counseling/Student Services Department.

Credit for ISHALL, an accelerated English course is established at the equivalent of one (1) high school graduation credit per course (MSU semester) for up to 4 credits. We encourage students to avail themselves of a full credit of English at ELHS as part of their graduation requirements.

Credit for CHAMP, an accelerated math program is established at the equivalent of one (1) high school graduation credit per course (MSU semester) for up to 4 credits. We encourage students to avail themselves of a full credit of Math at ELHS as part of their graduation requirements.

Credit is added to the high school transcript upon the completion of these programs through the High School Principal, Registrar and the ELHS Guidance/Student Services Department.

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**Student matriculation into a course sequence upon the completion of
ISHALL or CHAMP at ELHS**

ISHALL

Upon the successful completion of ISHALL coursework, students present a portfolio of their best writing, transcripts of grades received from ISHALL, assessment information from ISHALL and a letter of recommendation from their instructor(s) in reference to their current capacity to continue on an accelerated path of coursework at ELHS. A meeting with the high school English department chair, the student's counselor, the student and their family, and administration is scheduled to review these documents. Students demonstrating proficient achievement as defined above from ISHALL may matriculate into accelerated learning options at ELHS, e.g. AP English. The principal will make the final decision as to the student's matriculation plan.

CHAMP

Upon the successful completion of the CHAMP program through MSU, the high school math department chair, student's counselor, and principal meet with the student/family to determine the most appropriate placement based on the student's academic scholarship (grades & assessments) in CHAMP. The student must pass an administered proficiency exam set by ELHS to establish his/her matriculation into an appropriate course sequence at ELHS upon his/her return from CHAMP. Students matriculating into AB calculus AP are not required to take the proficiency exam. Students entering BC calculus AP are required to take the proficiency exam. The principal will make the final decision as to the student's matriculation plan.

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