

What is a School for Advanced Studies?

A School for Advanced Studies (SAS) is a special program located within a traditional school setting. SAS programs are designed to support the development of gifted and high achieving children.

Schools must undertake a rigorous review process to achieve SAS status. Teachers and administrators at SAS schools are required to participate in additional professional development and training.

Our Goals at Castle Heights SAS

As an SAS school, we provide a high-level academic program that serves the educational needs of our gifted and high achieving learners. Our program is designed to:

1. Improve educational opportunities for all Castle Heights students
2. Support students' intellectual and academic achievement
3. Enhance the professional development of our staff



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School for Advanced Studies



at Castle Heights
Elementary School

Castle Heights School for Advanced Studies

Can My Child Attend Castle Heights SAS?

SAS programs offer an intensive academic experience. Individual students must meet the same eligibility criteria as LAUSD's Gifted and Talented Education (GATE) programs.

Starting in 1st grade, any eligible student who resides within LAUSD boundaries may apply to Castle Heights SAS on a space-available basis. Unlike the GATE magnet programs, no transportation is provided for SAS students.

Applications are available in April and should be submitted directly to Castle Heights SAS in May.

More Information

Additional information on LAUSD's School for Advanced Studies program can be found at:

<http://www.lausd.k12.ca.us/lausd/offices/GATE>

**Come join our
learning community at
Castle Heights SAS!**

Students at Castle Heights SAS:

- Display continuous progress based on ability and performance
- Exhibit accelerated growth and performance
- Develop independence and self direction
- Make expert use of technology for research and presentation
- Engage in self analysis and self evaluation on a routine basis



Strategies and Resources

- Depth and complexity are woven into our core curriculum to promote deeper understanding of the concepts
- Core curriculum is enhanced with assignments and projects that cross disciplines by allowing students to:
 - Participate in historical simulations
 - Put on plays and Musical Theater
 - Create books, poems, and art
- Technology is integral to the classroom:
 - Students create podcasts, web pages, and presentation products
 - Teachers employ Mobi digital interactive tablets to enhance interactive instruction
- Parental involvement is encouraged through frequent parent information and awareness workshops

