

# GATE SECONDARY COUNSELING RESOURCE NEWSLETTER

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*Academic Opportunities, Important Dates, Motivation & Engagement*

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Happy New Year! As the GATE Secondary School Counselor, I'm sharing tips, strategies, and resources to support the academic, social/emotional, and career success of gifted and talented middle and high school students. This month, I'm focusing on upcoming opportunities, important dates, and tips and strategies to enhance motivation and engagement in gifted learners. Please contact me at [mivans@washoeschools.net](mailto:mivans@washoeschools.net) or 775-789-3419, if I can provide additional information or referrals.

Warmest wishes for a healthy, productive, and joyful year ahead!

## *Academic Opportunities & Important Dates:*

- ***High School Internship Program:*** If you will be a **junior or senior** in the fall semester of 2022, please consider applying for the high school internship program. "WCSD is proud to offer students an opportunity to engage with local businesses to learn about career opportunities, understand job skills and expectations, and develop a network of resources to assist students with success after graduation." **The application window will open in February. Please check the Signature Academy and CTE website for further information.** <https://www.washoeschools.net/Page/8764>
- ***Signature Academy and CTE Programs:*** If you are currently in **8<sup>th</sup> grade** and still want to apply to a Signature or CTE program, now is the time! "WCSD Signature Academy and Career & Technical Education (CTE) programs add value to the high school experience and prepare students for success! These programs provide a rigorous, stimulating curriculum that engages and motivates students; provide opportunities for students to acquire and practice 21st century skills; and prepare students for success in college, high-skill careers, and life. Signature Academies and CTE are education for the future!" **The Round 2 application window will be open February 15 – March 15, 2022.** <https://www.washoeschools.net/sacte>
- ***ACT Testing:*** The ACT will be offered **March 1, 2022 for all juniors and seniors, as needed.** Should you have questions, please check with your site counselor and visit the ACT website for information on test preparation. <https://www.act.org/content/act/en/students-and-parents.html>
- ***Spring Break:*** WCSD Spring Break is **March 14-25, 2022.** Please check with your school site for spring break learning opportunities.

## ***Resources for Motivation & Engagement:***

- ***Do's and Don'ts for Motivating Your High-Ability Child:*** “At Parent Day during NAGC’s 2016 Convention in Orlando, FL, scholars and parents Del Siegle and Betsy McCoach shared successful strategies and practices for motivating gifted children.”  
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- ***How to Motivate Your Gifted Child:*** Carol Bainbridge suggests ten strategies parents can try to motivate their gifted children. <https://www.verywellfamily.com/ways-to-motivate-gifted-children-1449283>
- ***Avoiding, Reversing & Handling Underachievement in Gifted Students:*** The Davidson Institute blog lists multiple articles with tips and strategies to address the topics of motivation and underachievement. <https://www.davidsongifted.org/gifted-blog/avoiding-reversing-handling-underachievement-in-gifted-students/>
- ***Engagement and Motivation: Helping Handout for Home:*** The National Association for School Psychologists (NASP) offers several interventions and supports to encourage children’s motivation and engagement. <https://apps.nasponline.org/search-results.aspx?q=motivation>

