

My Opinion About the Study of Choice and Special Academic Programs Recommendation 3a

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Good morning,

My name is Grace Chen, and I am a rising sixth grader. I am here to express my opinion about the suggested change to the GT program.

The GT program is a fabulous way to challenge talented students because the regular curriculum can no longer satisfy their academic needs. Nevertheless, some people have proposed to alter it in a way that they believe is best. I am against this change (the one that is based on people's races) to the GT program.

First, it is prejudiced, as this change racially divides students. We are all friends. We are one race, the human race. Second, imagine one hundred individuals are taking the GT test. The committee chooses the ten best-qualified applicants to go to the GT schools. This is one criterion for everyone. The best students get to go. Nonetheless, if you alter the standards, it will be completely different. Within the ten students who get to go, five might demand very tough and challenging works, but the other five might not need such a demanding curriculum. Meanwhile, there are another five children who need that challenging curriculum. Sadly for them, they are excluded because of their race. I believe that this is not fair, as this will create friendship-breaking racial tensions between students.

Thank you for your time and patience.