

The GATE (Georgia Auditions Theory Exam) is a required component of GMTA's Auditions competition and support GMTA's belief that excellent performers are also knowledgeable performers. Each GMTA Auditions participant in the category of piano or piano concerto must take and pass the appropriate level test at his or her local association unless granted an exemption. The GATEs include four levels of testing (A, B, C and D).

GATE Curriculum - Levels A-D (rev 2024-07-30)

GATE Exemption List 2024-2025

GATE INFORMATION FOR TEACHERS

The GATE (Georgia Auditions Theory Examination) is a requirement for all students participating in the GMTA Pre-College Piano Auditions and Piano Concerto Competition. 12th grade students must pass the GATE to qualify for the State and Regional Level Auditions.

Each Local Association will determine when and where it will administer the GATEs. Local Associations may choose multiple test dates to include one in the fall and one in the spring. The GATE may be given on the same day as Local Auditions. Local Associations will be responsible to give the tests, grade them, record the scores and then confirm student eligibility.

Local Associations may schedule a makeup day for students who were unable to take the GATE on the original testing date due to illness or conflict – BUT NOT FOR RETAKING THE TEST.

About the GATE

There are currently four GATE Levels. Students are required to pass the level that corresponds to their school grade. Level A has 30 multiple choice questions only. Level B has 30 multiple choice or handwritten response questions. Level C and D have 40 multiple choice or handwritten response questions. Curriculum and practice tests for all levels are on the GMTA website under “Student Activities/Theory/GATE”.

Level A is for Grades 4-5 Passing Score is 24/30

Level B is for Grades 6-7 Passing Score is 24/30

Level C is for Grades 8-9 Passing Score is 32/40

Level D is for Grades 10-12 Passing Score is 32/40

*Please note that this includes seniors.

Teachers may review their students' tests and answers after ALL have been graded. However, GATE Chairs are to hold all the tests until after the GMTA State Audition registration deadline. After this date tests may be returned to teachers. Students must take the GATE each year, even if they have passed and will be taking the same level test the following year.

Students can be exempt from taking the GATE. Exemption is earned through testing scores that students have received on the GMTA Theory Tests (not on how well they do on the GATE).

A chart with exemption information is located on the GMTA Website GATE Theory Page. You can access this page by going to the GMTA website. Under "Student Activities" you will find "Theory". Once you have accessed the theory page, you will see the link to GATE. The exemption requirements are listed here as well as the curriculum and practice tests for all levels of the GATE.

Registering for GATE

An online Registration Form should be completed for each student participating in GMTA Local Auditions. Teachers should be aware of Local Association deadlines and register for the GATEs administered in their Local Association.

Go to www.georgiamta.org and click "My Account." If you are not a GMTA member, please contact Mandy Reynolds at georgiamta@gmail.com for a registration form.

The fee for the GATE is \$15. Teachers will collect the fee from each student and submit payment online along with the GATE registration forms, or mail one check made payable to GMTA to 1794 Lake Heights Cir, Dacula, GA 30019.

EXCEPTIONAL CIRCUMSTANCES

Students must take the GATE in the Local Association where they have been registered. If an unpreventable conflict arises and the student can not take the GATE where registered, they may, with permission of the GATE ADMINISTRATOR and LOCAL ASSOCIATION THEORY/GATE CHAIR, take the test at another Local Association.

The teacher is responsible for making all the necessary arrangements.

The student must perform for the Judges in the teacher's Local Association, not where he/she took the GATE.