

Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs) about ROGATE

1. ***What is ROGATE?***

ROGATE stands for Resources Offered for Gifted and Talented Education. Pearl R. Miller participates in the Talent Network Program of ROGATE. More information is available on the website www.eirc.org.

2. ***How do students get selected for ROGATE?***

ROGATE is offered to seventh and eighth grade students with a score of 85 or better percentile (score of 253 and above) in all areas of the NJASK the previous school year.

3. ***How much does it cost to become a member of ROGATE?***

The cost per student is \$35.00 per year. The check or money order must be made out to "PRM Student Activities".

4. ***What is included in the cost?***

The membership fee, which covers the current school year, allows your child to receive mailings at home regarding various gifted and talented programs/workshops offered throughout the year. The \$35 fee covers the facility and presenter fee for Academic Interest Lectures. Members will have the opportunity to attend 1-2 academic lectures at participating universities and will be afforded an opportunity to take the SATs. If the student does opt to take the SAT and she/he scores exceptionally well for his/her age (510 or higher in any area of the SAT), she/he may attend a Recognition Ceremony and receive a certificate at the end of the school year.

5. ***Are there any additional costs?***

Yes. If your child chooses to take the SAT, there is the fee for the test, which is approximately \$45.00.

6. ***Is transportation provided to any event?***

No. PRM does not provide transportation to the academic lectures, SAT, or recognition ceremony. Students/Parents are encouraged to carpool to ROGATE events. A list of ROGATE students will be posted outside of Ms. Bennett's office to help students arrange for carpools. Please take this into account when choosing which academic lecture the student will attend. If you have any questions about which lecture your child receives, please contact Ms. Bennett.

7. ***Can my child switch academic lectures after the deadline to hand in the lecture selection?***

No. The academic lectures and number of students are submitted to the state coordinator who must coordinate all lectures for all schools participating throughout the state. Lectures often fill to capacity, which makes it difficult to switch after requests are made to the state.

8. ***How do I register for the SAT if my child chooses to participate?***

All ROGATE students who wish to take the SATs will receive a registration booklet. The booklet explains how to register. Payment and registration is made directly to the SAT program. PRM does not choose where

students take the SAT. The SAT program does their best to give students their first choice for testing sites, but cannot guarantee a testing site. It is important to register early to maximize your chances of receiving your first choice testing site.

9. ***Is it beneficial for a seventh or eighth grader to take the SAT?***

Since each child is unique, parents/guardians should decide what is best for their child. Benefits may include an early opportunity to experience the SATs, knowing that the test results will not be held against the student in any way. In addition to having an opportunity to practice high-school level standard tests, an increase in confidence may be gained if the student performs well, alleviating any future anxieties. Test results will not benefit nor be held against the student in any way. Additionally, taking the test will not impact the number of times the student may take the test at the high school level.

10. ***Will the student take the SAT only with other ROGATE students?***

No. If your child chooses to take the test, he/she will not be in a separate testing site. Other ROGATE students may be at that site, but they will also be among high school students.

11. ***What are academic lectures like?***

The lectures provide students a unique opportunity to experience an actual college lecture presented by professors or experts in their field. Lectures last approximately 1 ½ to 2 hours long and students will be among other ROGATE students throughout the state. Parents and guardians may attend the lecture **only** after accommodating ROGATE students. If the hall is filled to capacity, the guardian will be asked to wait outside.

12. ***Will my child be marked absent from school?***

No. The academic lecture is recorded as though the student was on a field trip. Once lectures are confirmed, all teachers receive lists of dates and students who are attending the lectures. The students will be marked as a ROGATE student on the attendance sheet. You do not have to call your child through the absentee line on the day of the lecture. The main office receives the list of students as soon as lectures are confirmed and marks the students as if they were on a field trip.

13. ***How will the student know which lecture she/he was selected to attend?***

Lecture choices will be distributed in December/January. The students will have 2-3 days to decide what their top three choices for lectures are. I will do my best to provide students with their first choice lecture. It is important for students to hand in selection choices as soon as possible, since lecture vacancies fill quickly, and priority is given on a first come-first serve basis. All students will have the opportunity to see one lecture and often times there is room to attend a second lecture. Again, take into account carpooling concerns. Once I have confirmation from the state coordinator, the list will be posted outside Ms. Bennett's office. For reasons of student confidentiality, I do not email or mail the list of all confirmed students, but once the lectures are confirmed, the list of students attending is immediately available for students to check which lecture/s they are confirmed in. More information and reminders will be provided throughout homeroom approximately a week before the student is scheduled to attend the lecture.