I was in gifted classes as a kid .. it was a secret CIA program

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Americans who were part of 'gifted and talented' education programs in the 1980s and 1990s believe they were part of a secret government intelligence program.

The Gifted And Talented Education program (GATE) provides students with advanced curriculum and activities to foster creativity and critical thinking skills.

But many former students believe they were actually part of a secret CIA initiative to test the supernatural abilities of children with above average intelligence.

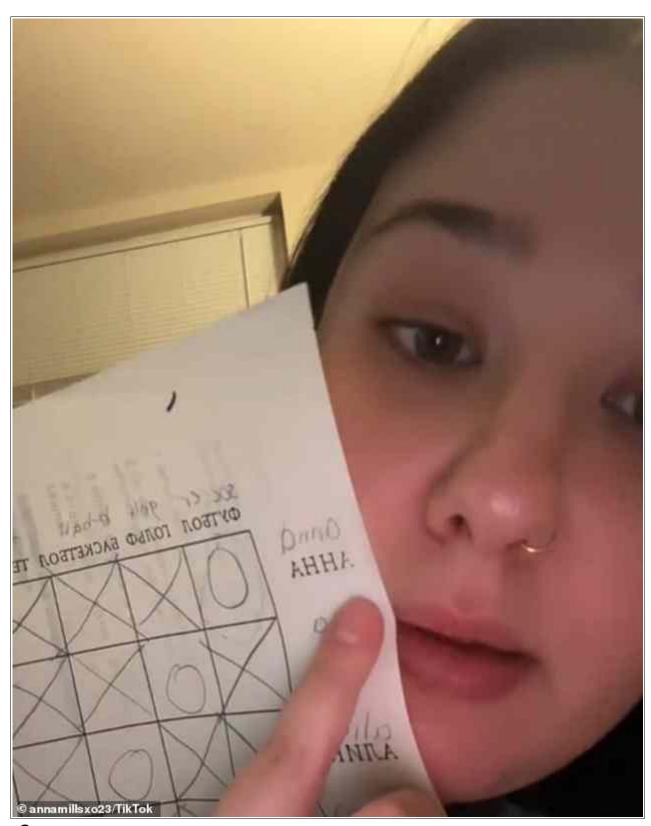
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Some former GATE students argued that the program was tied to the **CIA's Gateway Program** that was developed in the 1980s to explore the limitations of human consciousness using sound, meditation and other techniques.

A document released by the CIA explains that these recordings typically featured a series of 'non-verbal audio patterns' masked by sounds like crashing waves or wind blowing through the trees.

Many alumni of GATE programs recalled being subjected to the same audio 'tests' at school.



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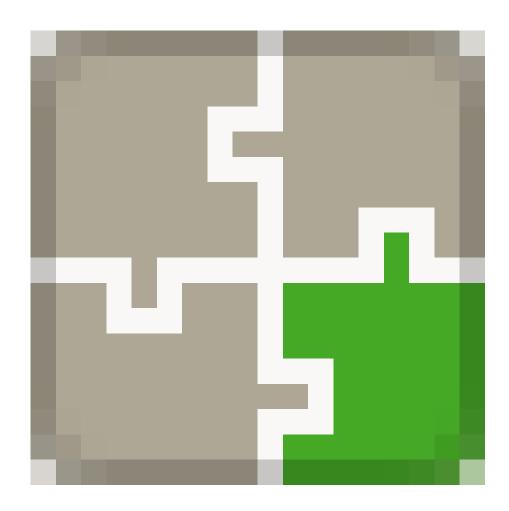
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'Some of them were basic IQ tests, but many of them were of the meditation-type testing, where we had to listen to a woman's voice on an audio tape with big earphones,' said one former GATE student who goes by Rachel on TikTok.

'They were facilitated by people who did not work at our school,' she added in a **recent video**.

Former GATE students have shared the audio that they say they had to listen to during 'testing' sessions.

The clip features a series of high-pitched, electronic-sounding noises followed by a man's monotone voice.

'This is the first step along your path to a gateway,' the man's voice states.

'The gateway beyond which is discovery, your own discovery of reality, of truth, of who and what you are.'

The audio then guides the listener through a meditation, asking them to assume a 'relaxed position' and listen to the sound of ocean waves.

This audio was developed by the Monroe Institute for the CIA's Gateway Program. Those who claim that it was used on them in schools believe that the agency was 'exploring psychic phenomena in children.'

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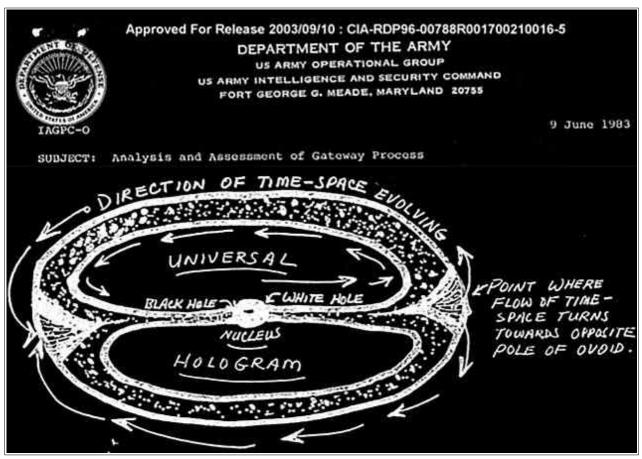
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A woman who goes by Anna Mills shared some of the worksheets from her school's GATE program that included several assignments on cracking codes and deciphering messages



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The CIA's Gateway Program, developed and launched by the Monroe Institute of Applied Sciences in the early 1980s, used sound, meditation and other techniques to explore the limitations of human consciousness

While there is no evidence of the CIA using a secret curriculum to uncover abilities in American children, the agency was monitoring 'psychic children in China.'

In a document dated January 1985, the CIA discussed how young boys and girls of the nation were 'capable of extraordinary physical feats, including the ability to emerge unscathed when struck on the chest with the blade of a sword.'

A young boy mentioned in the report "peered' inside the womb of a pregnant woman, only to announce that the fetus had now head.' And the diagnosis turned out to be correct.

There are no reports linking the CIA to American schools, but former students of GATE shared some of the worksheets, activities and assignments they completed, leaving them baffled.

'They had us doing worksheets in Morse code,' Anna Mills shared in **recent TikTok video**

She said many of assignments revolved around understanding and using codes.

One was even titled 'Codes to Crack.'

Another worksheet was titled 'Strange Message,' which prompted students to 'use the following code (the alphabet reveres) to decipher the message.

She also said some of the coding were also just symbols.



On the page, it appears the teacher wrote 'tie for 1st,' suggesting students were also timed during the activity.

In addition to learning how to use Morse and other forms of code, Mills and the other kids in her GATE program were instructed in Russian.

'I know each of the programs was different, so different decades, different states had different programs. But for ours, Russian was a big part of it,' she said in follow-up video.

Mills went on to explain an activity that she and her classmates did, called a 'tile wall.'

The instructions included a list of words that the students could include on their tile, which were 'peace, America, love, freedom, Russia, flag, hope and happiness.'

Beyond these unverified anecdotal reports, there is no evidence to suggest that Gifted and Talented Education programs are in any way tied to the CIA.

But claims of 'eerie similarities' between these childhood memories, the classified Gateway Program and other CIA operations have swept social media, prompting many to think back to their school experiences and question what was going on.