

# SHOULD I REFER?



GIFTED & TALENTED AWARENESS  
PARENT INFORMATION

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# AGENDA



What is Gifted?



What is the process for  
G/T referral and  
assessment?



How are G/T students  
served in Lackland  
ISD?

# WHAT IS GIFTED AND TALENTED (G/T)?

According to the Texas Education Code 29.121, gifted and talented refers to a child who performs or shows the potential of performing at a remarkably high level of accomplishment when compared to others of the same age, experience, or environment. The child also exhibits an unusual capacity for leadership or high-performance capability in an intellectual, creative, or artistic area.

# WHAT IS THE TEXAS STATE GOAL FOR SERVICES?

The state's goal for G/T students is to ensure that those students who participate in G/T services demonstrate skills in self-directed learning, thinking, research, and communication. G/T students develop innovative products and sophisticated performances that reflect individuality and creativity and are targeted to an audience outside the classroom.

# WHAT ARE SOME CHARACTERISTICS OF A GIFTED CHILD?

It is important to note that there are not one or two characteristics that an educator can point to in order to say that a student is gifted – it is a combination of characteristics inclusive but not limited to:

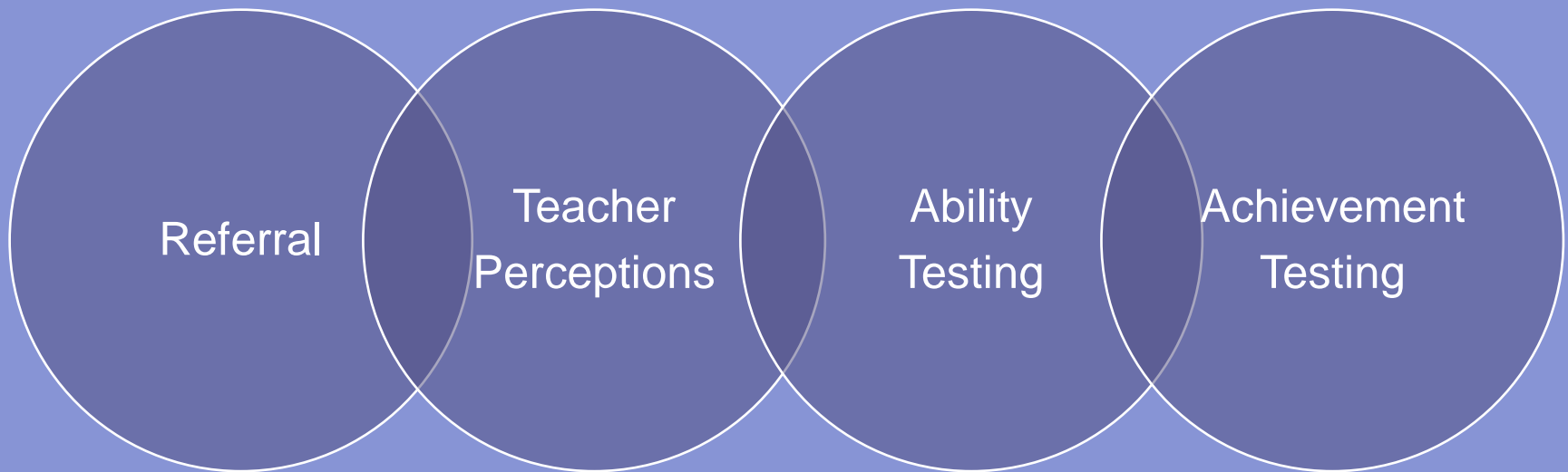
- highly curious
- initiates projects
- discusses things in detail
- draws inferences and grasps underlying principles
- highly creative
- extraordinary memory as compared to peers

# BRIGHT CHILDREN AND GIFTED CHILDREN

<b>Bright Child</b>	<b>Gifted Child</b>
Know the answers	Asks the questions
Is interested	Is highly curious
Is attentive	Is mentally & physically involved
Has good ideas	Has wild, silly ideas
Works hard	Plays around, yet tests well
Answers the questions	Discusses in detail
Top group	Beyond the group
Listens with interest	Shows strong feelings/opinions
Learns with ease	Already knows it
6-8 repetitions for mastery	1-2 repetitions
Understand ideas	Constructs abstractions
Good memorizer	Good guesser

# HOW ARE STUDENTS IDENTIFIED AS G/T?

Identification as G/T begins with a parent/guardian, teacher, counselor, administrator, or other interested persons referring a student for G/T testing. All referred students are tested for G/T services using data from several quantitative and qualitative assessments to identify students who exhibit potential and/or perform at levels significantly beyond the norm in areas of superior cognitive ability and/or specific academic achievement.



# WHEN IS THE STUDENT REFERRAL WINDOW?

The advertised referral window is typically the first twelve weeks of the academic year. Dates for the referral testing period will be published via multiple outlets such as the campus marque, weekly e-newsletter, and a message on the Remind app from the administrator and/or classroom teachers.

## G/T Identification Process Timeline for Spring 2021 Testing\*

- 9/10/2020 Referral Window Opens (Grades K-12)
- 11/30/2020 Referral Window Closes (Grades K-12)



# WHERE CAN I GET THE REFERRAL FORM?

G/T Referrals (on Lackland ISD website):

<https://www.cognitofrms.com/LacklandISD1/GiftedAndTalentedProgramReferralForm>

- Hard copy forms will be available in the campus office
- Referrals will be posted in the Lackland Newsletter
- Request referral from Gifted Facilitator
- Scan QR code



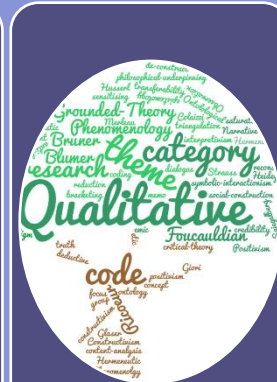
# HOW WILL YOU ASSESS MY CHILD?

## 2020 - 2021 G/T Identification & Assessment Process

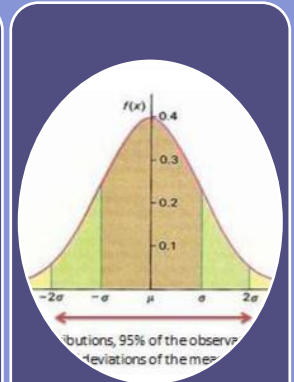
Referral



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# DO I NEED TO PREPARE MY CHILD FOR THE ASSESSMENTS? **NO!!!!!!!**

However, the following can help strengthen any student's academics:

## **READ:**

Read as much as possible, as early as possible.

## **STOP:**

Stop answering questions – help them think through problems and answer their own question.

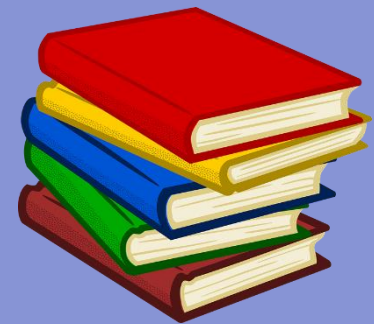
## **CONNECT:**

Connect studies to your child's interests to keep them motivated.

# WHERE WILL MY CHILD BE ASSESSED?

Students referred on or before November 30, 2020 will be assessed during the 2020-2021 school year during weekdays, on their campus.

\* due to COVID-19 concerns, testing location is subject to change.



# HOW IS DATA REVIEWED FOR IDENTIFICATION?

Data is shared with the G/T Identification Committee



Committee reviews data and determines eligibility



If your child has been tested previously, we will review and consider all assessment data conducted.



Parents are notified of the G/T Identification Committee's decision in the spring upon completion of all testing.



I AM NEW TO LACKLAND ISD, AND MY CHILD WAS IDENTIFIED AS GIFTED IN ANOTHER DISTRICT. IS HE/SHE AUTOMACTICALLY RECIEVIENG GIFTED SERVICES?

Students enrolling in Lackland ISD shall receive G/T service that were identified as G/T in a previous school district based on educational assessments conducted at the sending district including written parent permission and PIEMS verification. This does **not** preclude Lackland ISD from administering subsequent testing to ensure appropriate placement of the student.

# I AM NEW TO LACKLAND ISD AND WOULD LIKE TO HAVE MY STUDENT TESTED FOR G/T.

Parents/Guardians of students enrolling in Lackland ISD from an out-of-state school, a private school, and/or home school will have the opportunity to refer their child for G/T testing following the G/T calendar of events.

# DOES MY CHILD HAVE TO RE-QUALIFY ONCE HE/SHE MOVES FROM ELEMENTARY TO MIDDLE SCHOOL?

No, identified students receive services from one grade to the next.





# HOW MANY STUDENTS ARE ACCEPTED TO RECEIVE G/T SERVICES?

- G/T identification does **not** involve a quota.
- All students who qualify under district guidelines will be eligible to receive service.

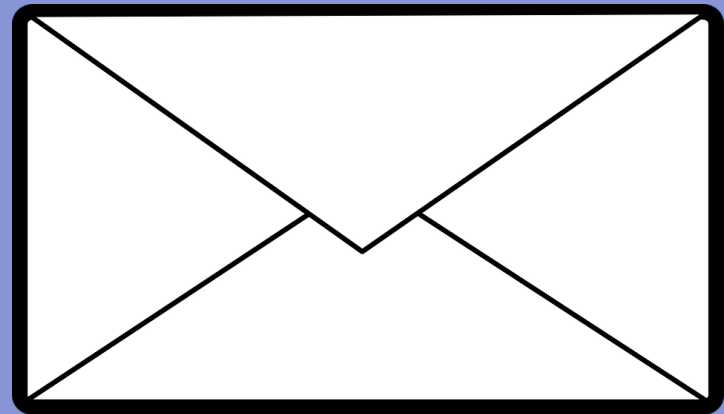
# WHEN WILL I FIND OUT THE DECISION?

## Kindergarten Notification Letters

- February 26, 2021

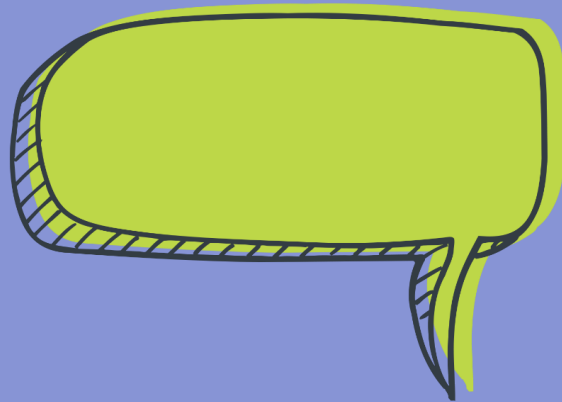
## Grades 1-12 Notification Letters

- March 15, 2021



# MY CHILD MET THE CRITERIA - NOW WHAT?

- Students who meet criteria, in grades 1-12, will begin receiving G/T services in August of the following school year.
- Kindergarten students will receive services on March 1<sup>st</sup> of the current school year.



# HOW ARE ELEMENTARY GIFTED STUDENTS SERVED?

G/T students on the elementary campus are served in the regular - education classroom with a teacher trained in gifted and talented education.

- These teachers work to differentiate curriculum instruction, and assessment for gifted students.
  - Students learn:
    - Texas Essential Knowledge and Skills (TEKS) - same as other grade level classes
    - Different instructional strategies (differentiation)
    - Open ended
    - Depth and Complexity
    - Flexible groups

# HOW ARE SECONDARY GIFTED STUDENTS SERVED?

- Secondary G/T students receive services through Advanced Placement (AP) and/or Dual Credit.
  - Honor classes prepare all advanced learners in grades 6-12 for success in either program.
- Teachers that are trained in gifted and talented education will offer differentiated curriculum, instruction, and assessments for gifted students.

# ARE THERE ADDITIONAL LEARNING OPPORTUNITIES TO G/T STUDENTS OUTSIDE OF THE REGULAR CLASSROOM?

Yes, various academic and athletic competitions that serve as extended learning opportunities may include but are not limited to:

- Duke Identification Program (TIP)
- Academic UIL events
- Robotics
- Various athletic opportunities

# MY CHILD DID NOT QUALIFY - NOW WHAT?

- It is not unusual for students (especially elementary) to test several times before qualifying.
- Students can be referred every year.
- A parent/guardian or student may request an appeal of a placement decision after receiving a G/T notification letter.
- Appeals shall be made first to the selection committee. Any subsequent appeals shall be made in accordance with the FNG (LOCAL) beginning at Level Two.

## IN CLOSING...

Thank you for attending and being an advocate for your child's education.

For any other questions:

Please contact the G/T Facilitator

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