

"Every child is born to achieve a significant purpose in the area of their gifting."

- Dr. Allen Beck, Founder -

"Building Champions with a Future and a Hope"

Gifted & Talented

Identification:

The G/T Committee convenes and reviews the data when making the selection process. Decisions are based on:

- Teacher and Parent Inventories
- Achievement and Aptitude Tests
- Student Creative Scales and
- Student Portfolio Documents

Parents are notified of committee decision. If a student qualifies for GT program, a permission form to participate is required by the parents.

CHARACTERISTICS OF GIFTEDNESS

- Demonstrates a great appetite for books and reading
- Has a large and advanced vocabulary
- Walks and talks at an early age
- Chooses and enjoys challenging tasks
- Fantasizes often
- Has a heightened curiosity (asks 'why' often)
- Exhibits perfectionism
- Loves competition
- Has an advanced sense of humor
- Produces innovative products

CHAMPIONS

RESOURCES

National Association for Gifted Children
<http://www.nagc.org/>

Texas Gifted Association
<http://txgifted.org/>

National Society for Gifted and Talented
<http://www.nsgt.org/>

K – 12 Summer Programs
<http://txgifted.org/k-12-summer-programs/>



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ADVANTAGE MISSION

We are dedicated to:

- Providing quality instruction in all subjects through innovative learning techniques using state-of-the-art technology.
- Fostering positive role models to create a kind and compassionate school community that promotes character and personal responsibility.
- Challenging students to establish the foundation of knowledge that created “One Nation Under God” through the study of unabridged American history and the Bible in History and Literature.
- Empowering students to discover and develop their gifts and leadership skills to fulfill their purpose in life.
- Connecting businesses, faith-based organizations, and families with the school to support a healthy and balanced life for each student.

DEFINITION OF GIFTEDNESS

“Gifted and talented student” means a child or youth who performs at or shows the potential for performing at a remarkably high level of accomplishment when compared to others of the same age, experience, or environment and who:

- (1) Exhibits high performance capability in an intellectual, creative, or artistic area;
- (2) Possesses an unusual capacity for leadership; or
- (3) Excels in a specific academic field.

PROGRAM OVERVIEW

Our GT program is available from grades 3-6 and focuses on general intellectual, reading and math academics.

Students are served by a trained Gifted and Talented teacher. Our services include:

- Differentiated G/T curriculum in reading and math
- Science and social studies extensions
- Group interaction with other gifted and talented students
- Independent study projects
- Cooperative Learning
- Summer learning opportunities

The **goals of the Advantage Academy Gifted and Talented Program** are to provide opportunities to:

- Enhance student understanding of self and others
- Develop student skills in creative thinking, critical thinking, and logical reasoning
- Extend student skills in leadership and character
- Broaden student skills in communication, research and self-direction
- Strengthen student ability to apply depth and complexity to core subject areas of study



NOMINATION, IDENTIFICATION, AND SELECTION

Students are identified through a three step process. It consists of nomination, screening, and selection.

Nomination:

Students may be nominated by teachers or parents to determine eligibility for Gifted and Talented services. There is a nomination form.

Teachers will complete an observation inventory on nominees.

Parents will complete the Parent Information Inventory and permission to test form.

Nomination forms are collected throughout the school year. Candidates for screening are notified in the spring semester.

Each campus has nomination forms with the GT coordinator.

Nomination forms can also be found on the district website.

Screening:

There are four areas of achievement considered during the screening process.

- Cognitive tests
- Achievement tests
- Parent/Teacher inventories
- Student Portfolio