



FERRIS ISD REFERRAL FOR GIFTED & TALENTED PROGRAM ANNOUNCEMENT

Gifted and Talented services in Ferris ISD are committed to meeting students' needs who demonstrate above-average potential or achievement. We believe that all children are unique, and talented and all children have different learning styles. We also know that gifted children learn at different paces and may need different experiences in order to stimulate and maximize their achievement.

Referrals for the GT Program in Ferris ISD will be **accepted beginning September 22, 2023**. Any student in grades 1-12 is eligible to be referred by a teacher, parent, or community member. This process includes multiple and specific criteria as required by the Texas Education Agency. All referred students are screened, the scores are tallied on a matrix, and qualifying students are identified.

Forms can be obtained from the Ferris ISD website or in the counselor's office at each school. Anyone unable to access the form online or go by the school should call 972-544-8662, or email lorr@ferrisisd.org to request a form to be sent to them.

All referral forms should be returned to the following:
Lindsay Orr (or to your child's campus)
Elementary GT Coordinator
Ferris Independent School District
601 W FM 664
Ferris, TX 75125

All referral forms are due by October 20, 2023. Forms turned in after this date will not be accepted.

Parents of students who qualify for the program will be notified in writing by December 2023. **If you child is already in the G/T program, they need not be re-nominated.**

If you have any questions or want more information about the GT program, please contact your child's counselor, the building principal, or Lindsay Orr, GT Coordinator, lorr@ferrisisd.org or 972-544-8662. An information meeting will be held on September 26th at McDonald Elementary Library from 6-7PM to allow parents to ask questions in person.