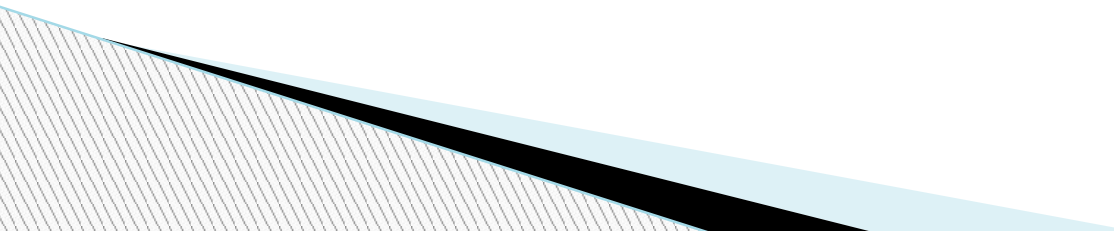


Hillsboro ISD GATE Program: Parent Orientation to the Referral and Screening Process

Grades 1 – 12



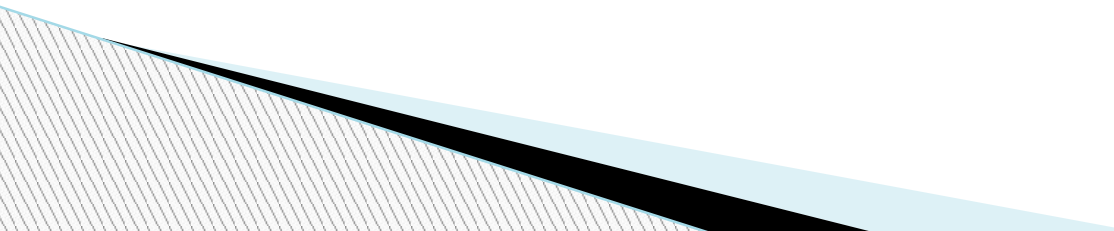
What is GATE?

- GATE stands for Gifted and Talented Enrichment.
 - Goals:
 - Identify students in grades K–12 who are gifted and talented using established criteria.
 - Provide students with multiple opportunities to participate in learning experiences using advanced content.
 - Enhance and refine the abstract and complex thinking and reasoning of these students.
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Referral Process

- Referrals of 1st through 12th grade students currently enrolled in HISD for participation in the district's GATE Program will be accepted from March 18th through March 28th.
- Referral packets will be available in the office of your child's school beginning March 18th.
 - Parent Information Form, Permission to Test for Program Services, Bright Child vs Gifted Learner Info Sheet

Referral (cont.)

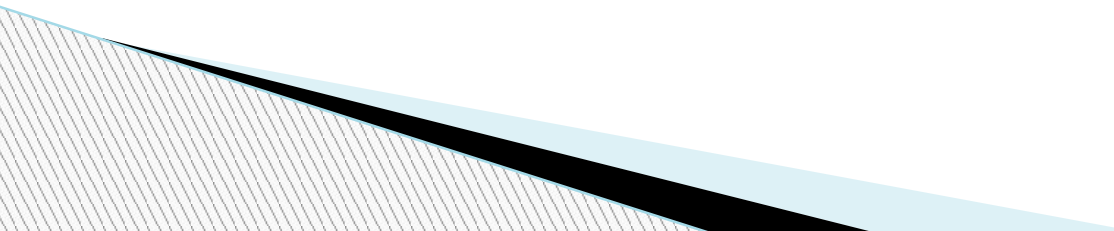
- Students can be referred to be screened for the GATE Program by parents/guardians, teachers, or administrators.
 - Parents or guardians must give consent by signing a permission form in order for a student to be screened for the GATE Program.
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Screening Process : Grades 1 – 12

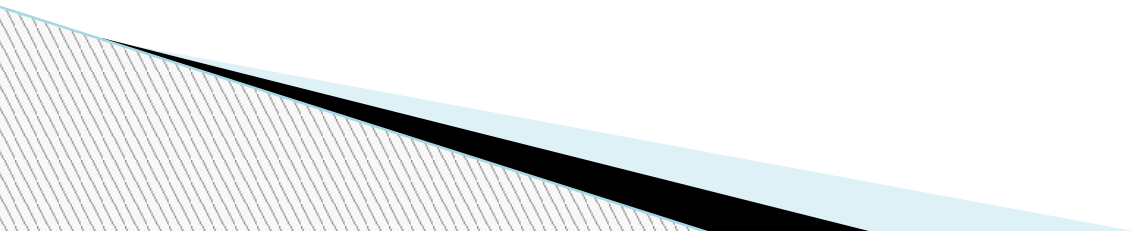
- Four Components of the Screening Process
 - SAGES-3
 - Teacher – Renzulli Scales
 - Parent – Parent Information Form
 - Additional academic data will be reviewed

SAGES-3

- Four subtests given by the campus GATE teacher or district Coordinator.

 - Subtests for assessment:
 - Math /Science (achievement)
 - Language Arts/ Social Studies (achievement)
 - Verbal Reasoning (aptitude – higher level thinking)
 - Nonverbal Reasoning (higher level thinking)
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Teacher – Renzulli Scales for Rating the Behavioral Characteristics of Superior Students

- Teacher provides a rating of key characteristics based upon observable behaviors in the classroom.
 - Cumulative observations from throughout the school year are used.
 - Categories include: learning, creativity, motivation, and leadership.
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Parent Information Form

- Parents rate based upon knowledge of their student and comparative abilities to same age peers.
- Parent information is gathered in a scale format ranging from 1–5.
- Space is provided for parents to write detailed examples of things their student said or did that exemplify gifted learner characteristics.

*It is important to be specific with examples.



Then What?

- Once the screening process is complete, the campus GATE Committee meets to review the results of screening to determine if the student meets the criteria to qualify for placement in the GATE Program.
- Parents are notified by mail.
 - Signed consent must be given in order for a student to participate in the GATE Program.

What If My Child Qualifies for Placement in the GATE Program?

□ HES GATE Program

- Students are pulled for a minimum of 1.5 hours per week
- Curriculum includes:
 - Texas Performance Standards Project (TPSP)
 - Project Based Learning
 - Technology Integration
 - Emphasis in creative problem solving

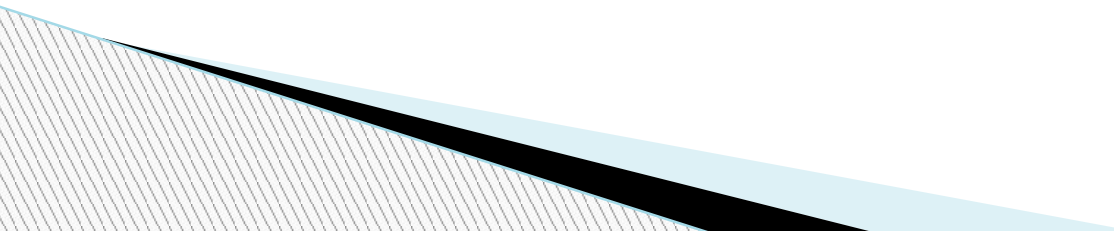
What is TPSP?

“The TPSP is a statewide standards and assessment system you can use to capture the high levels of achievement of gifted/talented students. The goal of the TPSP is for students to create work that reflects the professional quality that the *Texas State Plan for the Education of Gifted/Talented Students* requires. Student projects are TEKS-based and focus on the core content areas of English language arts, mathematics, science, and social studies with interdisciplinary connections.”

www.texaspsp.org

What If My Child Qualifies for Placement in the GATE Program?

HIS GATE Program

- Meets a minimum of 1.5 hours per week
 - Texas Performance Standards Project (TPSP)
 - Project Based Learning
 - Technology Integration
 - Emphasis in creative problem solving
 - STEM
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What If My Child Qualifies for Placement in the GATE Program?

- Junior High and High School Service Options may include:
 - Honors and/or Pre-AP Classes (HJH)
 - GATE class time during activity period
 - Area Competitions
 - Advanced Placement Classes (HHS)

Questions?

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