

Gifted and Talented Program Identification Notice to Parents of NEW and CURRENT Students in Cypress-Fairbanks ISD

Cypress-Fairbanks ISD provides Mid-year screening for students in grades 1 – 11 to receive gifted and talented services through the HORIZONS program if they are enrolled at a CFISD campus. Students whose referral is received by the last school day in November may be included in the Mid-year testing process and students may be referred at any time. Students must meet the following criteria:

- The student has **NOT** participated in an identification assessment during the same school year
- The student has **NOT** been previously identified as gifted and talented

Note: *New students who have been previously identified as gifted and talented from out-of-state and Texas public or charter schools and recognized and accredited private schools are eligible to receive services in CFISD once previous GT placement can be verified and parent permission is provided. Parents must provide a copy of the student's notification of qualification and placement within the gifted and talented program from the former school district AND a copy of all test results used for screening. Testing will not be administered if the student has been previously identified.*

Parents/guardians interested in requesting screening for their student to receive gifted and talented services should complete the online acknowledgement to include the characteristics of a gifted child, permission to test, and permission for services located in the Gifted and Talented link in the parent portal of the Home Access Center by the due date **November 30th**. (The link may be accessed here: <https://launchpad.classlink.com/cfisdparents>)

Parents will need their login information. If you do not have your login information, please call Customer Care Center at 281-897-4357



Testing and Screening for the Gifted and Talented Program

- Testing will occur in the Spring during the district testing window at a date to be determined by the campus.
- *Student Score Reports* and notification of qualification/placement will be available for view in the parent portal of the Home Access Center.
- Students whose scores qualify for identification will begin receiving services the following school year upon confirmation of placement.
- Students whose scores do not qualify may not be referred again for testing until the next school year. (Students may test only once per year.)
- Students who do not qualify for services may appeal the placement decision to the campus Selection Committee. Information regarding the appeals process is available from the **elementary Counselor** or **secondary Director of Instruction**.

Note: *Appeals for entry should be based on significant advanced abilities consistently demonstrated in the classroom and supported by academic and performance data not evidenced by HORIZONS screening scores.*

Additional criteria for an appeal include:

- *illness immediately before or during testing with documentation of the illness*
- *emotional duress due to a family crisis during testing with documentation*
- *accommodations not provided during testing for students with special needs*