

Community Awareness

The district will ensure that information about the gifted and talented program is available to parents and community members and that they have an opportunity to develop support and understanding of the program.

Program

The gifted and talented program is a pull-out program where students are working with a G/T teacher to work on projects in their area of interest.

Contact information

If you have any questions please contact one of the following at (432)686-0003

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Midland Academy Charter Gifted and Talented Plan



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District/State Goal

Midland Academy Charter sets their goals for gifted and talented students as aligned in the State of Texas Plan:

“Students who participate in services designed for gifted students will demonstrate skill in self-directed learning, thinking, research, and communication as evidenced by the development of innovative products and performance that are advanced in relation to students of similar age, experience, or environment and reflect individuality and creativity. High School graduates who have participated in services for gifted students will have produced products and performances of professional quality as part of their program services.”

Students will not be discriminated against for admission into the Gifted and Talented program due to race, gender, or socioeconomic status.

Program Goals

Midland Academy will service their gifted and talented students in the four core areas:

- Reading (RLA)
- Math
- Science
- Social Studies

Gifted students will be given the opportunity to work in groups and individually. They will be pulled out by Gifted and Talented (G/T)Teacher for advanced learning.

G/T Training

Our G/T teacher and coordinator have received 30 hours of gifted and talented training and will annually receive 6 hours of refresher training.

Student Assessment

A student may be nominated for assessment into the G/T program by a teacher, counselor, administrator, parent, community member, peer, or the student themselves. Nominations will start at the beginning of the Spring Semester.

All kindergarten students will be tested for the G/T program.

All students will be tested on three multiple criteria. We will use a quantitative data source done with our online program CogAT. Our two qualitative data sources will be a teacher survey and a parent survey.

Parental consent will be obtained before any special testing or individual assessments are conducted.

Selection Committee

A selection committee is composed of professionals who have received training in the nature and needs of G/T students. Individuals who may comprise the committee are included but not limited to G/T Coordinator, campus principal/dean, G/T teacher. The committee will evaluate each nominated student according to the established criteria and select those students whom the G/T placement is the most appropriate educational setting.

Notification

Parents will be notified in writing upon selection or non-selection of the student for the G/T program. Participation in the G/T program is voluntary and written permission will be obtained from the parent.

Appeal

Parents may appeal the decision of the committee within 10 days of receiving the notification letter. The appeal must be made in writing and directed to the G/T coordinator.

Transfer/Furlough/Exit

A student who enrolls in Midland Academy that has been previously identified for the G/T program in their previous district will be accepted into the district's G/T program upon verification of documentation by the G/T Coordinator.

A student who is unable to maintain satisfactory performance in the G/T program due to extenuating circumstances (for example, illness, death of family member, etc.) may be placed on furlough for one semester or one year with parental consent.

A student can be removed from the G/T program at any time the selection committee determines it is in the student's best interest. If a student or parent requests in writing removal from the program, Midland Academy will honor that request after a conference with the selection committee or building administrator.