

Parent Involvement

Parent involvement is a vital part of the CISD Gifted and Talented (GT) Program. At the beginning of the school year, CISD hosts a parent orientation to provide important information and resources.

Throughout the year, GT teachers also share newsletters to keep parents informed about instructional goals, classroom needs, and student successes. Parents are encouraged to contact their child's GT teacher by email with any questions.



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GT PROGRAM

Fuel Your Curiosity

Elementary Service Model

Cleburne ISD is proud to serve K–6 Gifted and Talented (GT) students through an engaging pull-out program. Each week, GT students work with a specially trained GT teacher who designs lessons to challenge and extend their learning. Our GT teachers complete extensive professional learning in gifted education and continue their training annually to provide the very best instruction.

Through the pull-out program, students collaborate with other GT peers and participate in exciting, differentiated learning experiences. Instruction includes the Texas Performance Standards Project (TPSP) along with additional high-quality resources that nurture creativity, critical thinking, and problem-solving skills.



Curriculum & Instruction

Cleburne ISD provides a guaranteed and viable curriculum built on the Texas Essential Knowledge and Skills (TEKS) and supported by research-based best practices. Lessons are carefully designed for rigor and relevance, with differentiation strategies embedded throughout to meet the diverse needs of students.

An exciting part of the GT program is the Texas Performance Standards Project (TPSP), a statewide system that showcases the advanced learning and creativity of gifted and talented students. TPSP projects are TEKS-based and connect to core subjects—English language arts, mathematics, science, and social studies—while encouraging rich interdisciplinary connections.

Through TPSP, students create professional-quality work that demonstrates deep understanding and higher-level thinking. The CISD GT team uses TPSP as a foundation to design lessons that challenge students, inspire curiosity, and highlight their unique talents.

Scoring Dimensions

The TPSP Scoring Dimensions are used in conjunction with a rubric and TPSP resources to evaluate student projects and presentations in the elementary GT classroom. The Scoring Dimensions are:

- Content and Knowledge Skills
- Analysis of Synthesis
- Multiple Perspectives
- Research
- Communication
- Presentation on Learning

Teachers may adjust these scoring dimensions to fit the unit content for each class.

Math Pentathlon

In 2023, CISD GT students began participating in the Mathematics Pentathlon®, a program that builds problem-solving skills through engaging games and activities. The program emphasizes conceptual understanding, spatial awareness, computational thinking, and logical reasoning while making math fun and accessible for all learners. Each spring, students showcase their skills by competing with peers from other schools at the National Mathematics Pentathlon® Academic Tournament.