



**GIFTED & TALENTED
SERVICES INFORMATION
NIGHT (REFERRALS,
SCREENING &
PLACEMENT)**

OBJECTIVES

01

Understand traits of giftedness and Elgin ISD's referral and assessment process.

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Understand the Service Design of G/T Services K-12

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Understand the Referral Process and Timeline

04

Understand resources available for G/T students - both in-district and external to EISD.



GIFTED & TALENTED

A gifted/talented student is a child or youth who performs at or shows the potential for performing at a remarkably high level of accomplishment when compared to others of the same age, experience, and environment.

**Texas State Plan for the Education of Gifted and
Talented Students**

WHAT IS GIFTED?



GIFTED IDENTIFICATION

- EISD identifies students of general intellectual ability and specific academic aptitude
- The state requires a minimum of 3 assessments including quantitative and qualitative data.
- We use a combination of nationally normed standardized tests for ability, reasoning, and achievement, as well as anecdotal data from teachers and/or parents.
- Students are eligible to test once per school year for Gifted and Talented Services

TRAITS OF GIFTEDNESS



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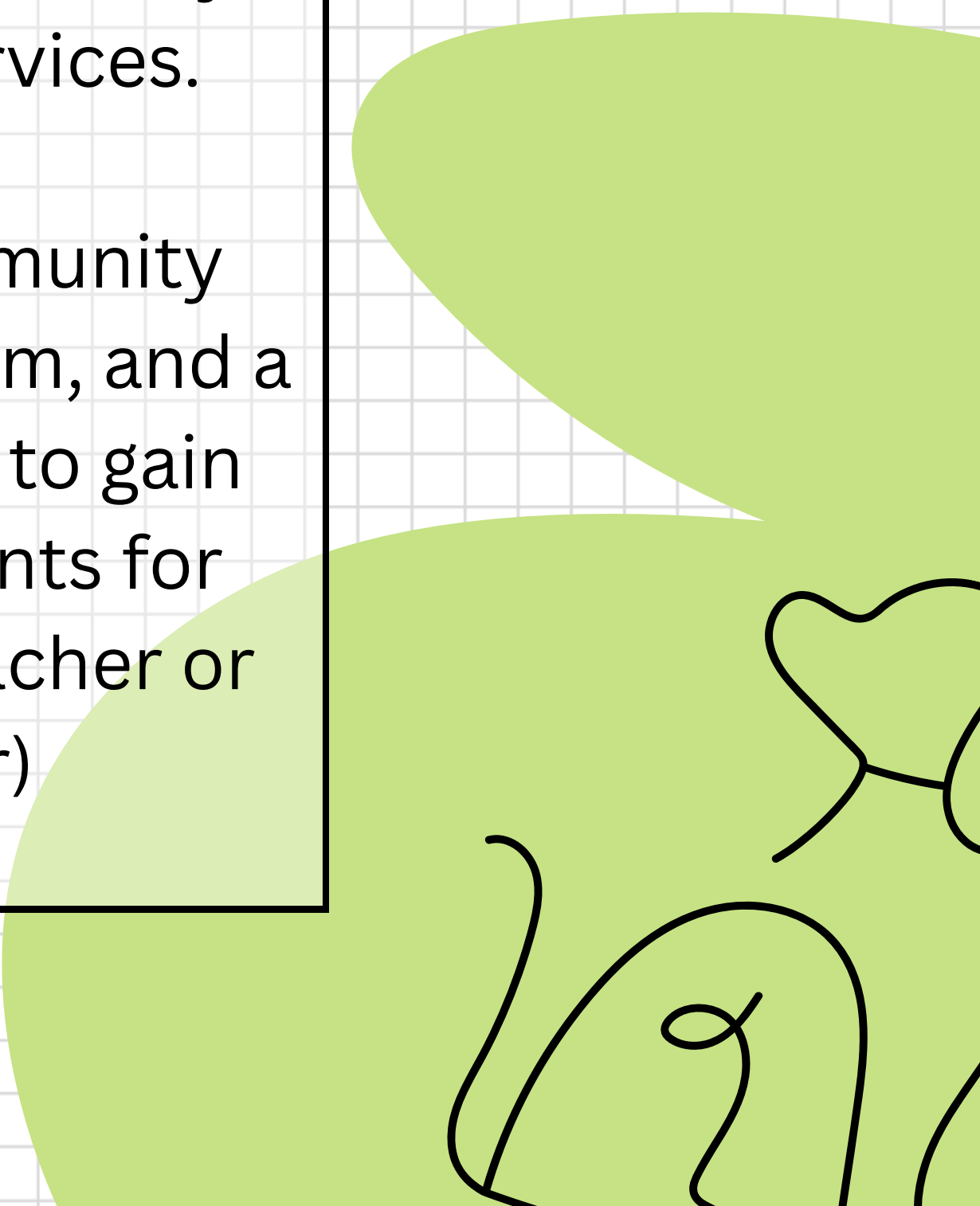


REFERRAL WINDOW

10/15 – 10/24

In the Fall Semester, anyone may refer a student for G/T services.

A parent, teacher or community member may fill out the form, and a G/T teacher will reach out to gain permission from the parents for testing (if referred by a teacher or community member)

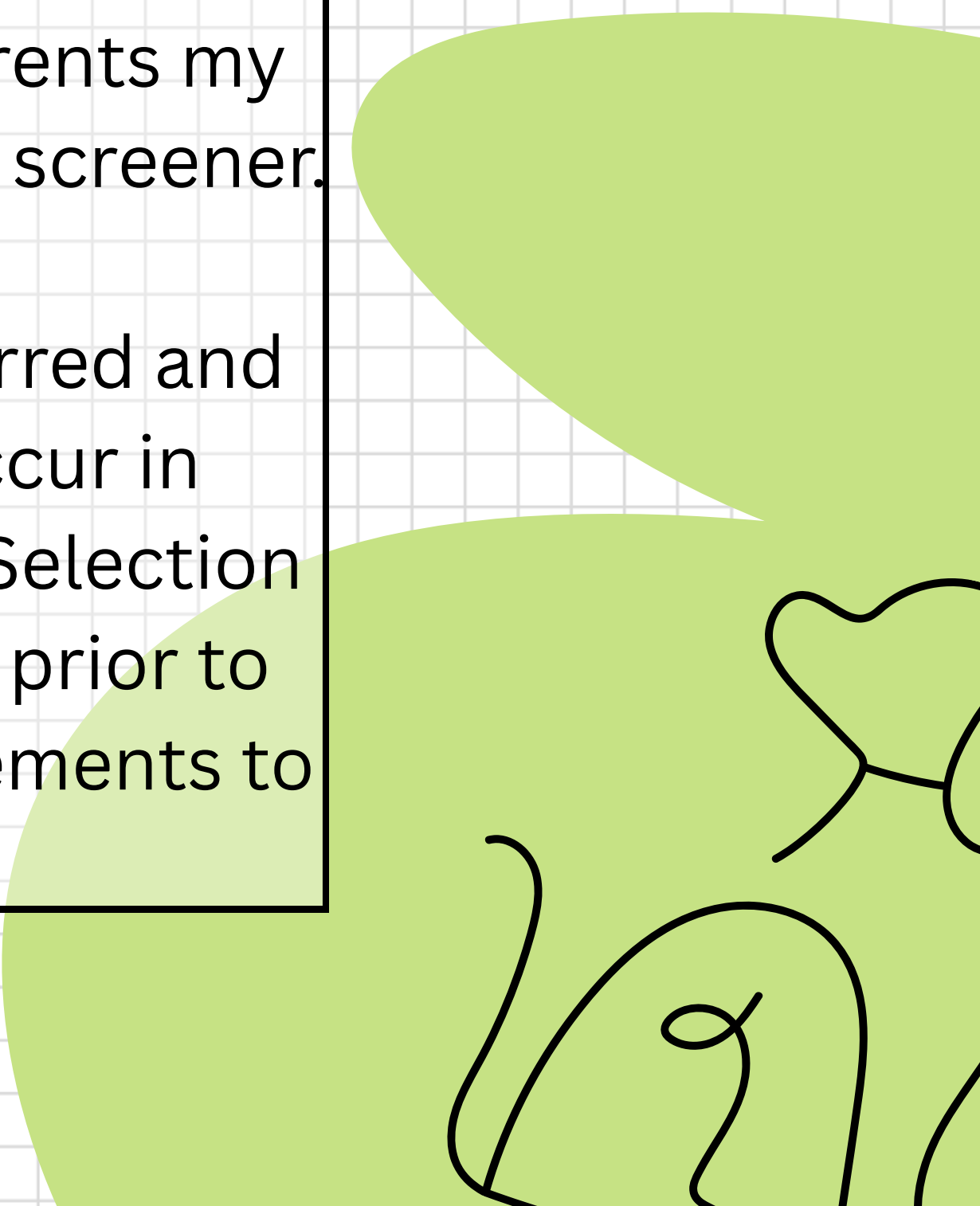




UNIVERSAL SCREENING GRADE 2

All 2nd graders will be screened in the Fall Semester. 2nd grade parents may choose to *opt out* of the G/T screener.

Screening for all those referred and for the 2nd graders will occur in November and December. Selection letters will be sent out just prior to Winter Break with new placements to occur in January.



SERVICE DESIGN

ELEMENTARY/EIS

GT Specialist Teachers pull identified Gifted & Talented students at least twice weekly to engage in Talent Development - Advanced Level Products and Performances similar to what you'll see in the Texas Performance Standards Project

EMS

Students are served in any or all of the four content areas: math, language arts, science and social studies.

Certified teachers have completed the required G/T training and G/T students clustered in academic courses

Math is accelerated

Opportunities exist to participate in UIL Academics and HS level coursework while in MS

EHS

There are a number of advanced courses and college credit options to meet the needs of Gifted & Talented students in High School

- Advanced Placement
- UT OnRamps
- ACC Dual Credit
- ECHS courses

G/T TIMELINE

KINDERGARTEN STUDENTS

- January - Kindergarten Nomination Window
- February - Kindergarten Testing Window
- Mid/Late February - Selection committee meets
- March - Kindergarten placement in GT program
- May - District showcase

1ST-12TH GRADERS

- October - Nomination Window opens
- November - G/T Screening for referrals and universal screening for 2nd graders
- December - Selection committee meets & selection letters mailed prior to Winter Break
- January - newly identified G/T students are identified for the G/T pull-outs in Elementary/EIS

ENRICHMENT OPPORTUNITIES

Baylor TIP

TALENT IDENTIFICATION PROGRAM

At Baylor TIP our mission is to identify exceptional talent in STEM and the humanities and provide world-class learning opportunities commensurate with students' exceptional potential. We aim to provide transformative learning opportunities to pre-collegiate students; identify and recruit diverse students with the ability, interest, and motivation to achieve at exceptional levels; and prepare pre-collegiate students for exceptional achievement by integrating academic excellence and mentorship in a caring environment.

[WEBSITE](#)

ENRICHMENT OPPORTUNITIES:

UIL ACADEMIC TEAMS ON ALL CAMPUSES

UIL A+ Academic Contest

Elgin ISD students in grade 2-5 can participate in the annual UIL Academics A+ Contest. They may select up to 2 events and attend practices beginning in/around 10/20 and continue weekly through mid-November. Those chosen to advance from their campus (3-5 from each grade in each event) will then have a handful of additional practices up until our District-wide Meet held on **Saturday, January 24th** at Elgin Middle School. Below are the options for students in the various grade levels:

2nd grade: Storytelling, Spanish Poetry, Creative Writing, Music Memory & Chess Puzzles

3rd grade: Storytelling, Spanish Poetry, Music Memory, Chess Puzzles, Spelling & Ready Writing

4th grade: Music Memory, Chess Puzzles, Spelling, Oral Reading, Number Sense, Ready Writing & Art

5th grade: All of the above events listed for 4th grade and in addition: Maps, Charts & Graphs, Dictionary & Listening Skills

Students interested in participating should contact their campus school teacher. Each campus will have a listing of what teacher will be coaching which event and when.

UIL A+ Academic Contest - EIS

Elgin ISD students in grade 6 can participate in the annual UIL Academics A+ Contest. They may select up to 2 events and attend practices beginning in/around 10/1 and continue weekly through mid-early December. Those chosen to advance from EIS will then have a handful of additional practices up until our District-wide Meet held on **Saturday, February 7th** at Elgin Middle School. Below are the event options for students in 6th grade:

6th Grade Event Options:

- Art
- Calculator Applications
- Chess Puzzle
- Dictionary Skills
- Editorial Writing
- Impromptu Speaking
- Listening
- Maps, Graphs & Charts
- Mathematics
- Modern Oratory
- Music Memory
- Number Sense
- Oral REading
- Ready Writing
- Science
- Social Studies
- Spelling
- Spanish Oral Reading

Students interested in participating should contact one of their teachers or EIS UIL Coordinator, Misty Simpson: misty.simpson@elginisd.net.



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