

2026-2027 Screening and Testing Timeline for Gifted Services (GALACTIC)

1st Semester- August through December

<u>1st Grade</u> • All students are screened in their classrooms through October. • Based on the performance in these activities, some students will complete further screening. • Students who qualify to move forward will be tested during October- December. • Students identified to receive gifted services will begin the program in the second semester.	<u>Other Grades/Transfer Students</u> Teachers will reach out and begin collecting referrals for <u>grades K & 2-5</u> during 1st semester to be screened 2nd semester. Referrals for these grades in HSD will be accepted through <u>February 12th</u>. <u>Transfer students</u> from other gifted programs will be examined ASAP using screening/testing results from previous schools/programs. Additional testing may need to be completed. Qualifying students will be admitted as soon as possible, as determined by the administration. Foster children and children of military families who have been enrolled in a gifted program in their previous schools will be accepted into GALACTIC until subsequent evaluations are completed. These students will be allowed to complete the quarter or semester they are enrolled in, regardless of test results.	<u>2nd Grade Students at Spark Schools</u> • All students in 2nd grade at Spark schools are screened in their classrooms through September. • Students who qualify will participate in the Spark enrichment program every week through December. Spark students meet in small groups at their home schools. • In December, the students are screened for the gifted program. • Students identified to receive gifted services will begin the program TBD
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*****Qualifying 1st-grade students will begin gifted services on January 21, 2027.**

2nd Semester- January through May

<u>Grades 2-5</u> • Classroom teachers or other school personnel complete the <u>Gifted Observation Form</u> to refer potential students for the program. • GALACTIC staff administers appropriate screening tests. • Testing must be completed by the end of May. Letters will be sent out within two weeks of this deadline to let parents know if their student qualifies for the GALACTIC Program. • Qualifying students will begin the NEXT school year. <u>*Referrals will be taken from HSD schools through February 12th.</u> <u>Kindergarten Screening</u> • Classroom teachers refer students from class to meet in small groups with the GALACTIC teacher. • GALACTIC teachers complete mini-lessons on analogies with students, followed by an assessment. • Some students will move on to the screening and testing process. <u>*Referrals will be taken from HSD schools through February 12th.</u>	<u>Dual-Enrolled Students (Private and Home Schooled)</u> <u>***GALACTIC accepts referrals of dual-enrolled 1st students through November 20th. Qualifying students will begin GALACTIC on January 21, 2027.</u> <u>***GALACTIC accepts referrals of all other dual-enrolled students through April 16th. Qualifying students will begin GALACTIC NEXT school year.</u> <u>Process:</u> • Families must complete paperwork to prove residency with HSD. Please call 953-4954 for more details. • The <u>Gifted Observation Form</u> must be completed by school personnel and returned to the GALACTIC Program. • The testing coordinator will schedule the necessary screening and testing. • Testing is completed by December 17th (1st grade) and May 20th (all other grades). Letters will be sent to parents within two weeks of the deadline to let them know if their student qualifies for the GALACTIC Program. • Qualifying 1st-grade students will begin services on January 21, 2027. All other qualifying students will begin the NEXT school year.
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*****Qualifying students tested during the second semester will begin gifted services NEXT school year.**