**Parent Tips**

Sometimes a child can perform very well in school and may not be identified as gifted. It is helpful to consider the following comparison of what makes a gifted child different from a bright child.

**Bright Child Gifted Child**

Knows the answer Asks the question

Is interested Is highly curious

Has good ideas Has wild, silly ideas

Top group Beyond the group

Learns with ease Already knows

Masters 6-8 repetitions Masters 1-2 repetitions

Enjoy peers Prefers adults

Copies accurately Creates a new design

Works hard Plays around, yet tests well

Good memorizer Good guesser

Enjoys school Enjoys learning

Pleased with own learning Is highly self-critical

**The Goals of the Gifted and Talented Program**

* Students will be prepared and eligible to enter and graduate from any four-year university or technical school through an academically rigorous curriculum and program.
* Students will be provided with opportunities to become thinkers and problem-solvers with real-world experiences while fostering their curiosity.
* Students will develop and expand leadership and social skills to become community-minded citizens and leaders.



**The Program**

The gifted and talented program of AISD is dedicated to providing the most appropriate educational services for gifted and talented students in grades K-12.

**GT students are served Remotely and In person:**

* **Kindergarten** Team teacher pullout instruction.
* **Grades 1 - 2** Pullout classes which offer challenging enrichment that is beyond the boundaries of the regular classroom
* **Grades 3, 4, & 5** The Angleton ISD T.A.G. Academy at Frontier and Westside Elementary provides challenging differentiated and accelerated instruction designed to meet students’ needs.
* **Grades 6 - 8** Challenging differentiated and accelerated instruction is provided in core content areas to prepare students for post-secondary goals
* **Grades 9- 12** Pre AP and Advanced Placement classes are offered in self- selected coursework.

**Who are the gifted and talented?**

Gifted and talented students are those who perform or show potential for performing at a remarkably high level of accomplishment when compared to others of the same age, experience, or environment, and who exhibit high performance capability in an intellectual, creative, or artistic area or excel in a specific academic field.

**What if I think my child might be gifted and talented?**

Anyone may refer a student to receive the services of the gifted and talented program. All kindergarten and second grade students are screened for the gifted and talented program. Any student receiving a GT referral will be assessed and evaluated by district personnel trained in the practice of gifted and talented education. Assessment and evaluation of nominated students include data from multiple sources, both qualitative and quantitative. This two step process is reviewed by first campus, then district committees. Students nominated and qualified in the fall in grades 3 and up will be placed in the GT program the next school year.

You may request a referral form by contacting the school counselor, or by visiting the AISD Advanced Academics Department page. ***The deadline to request a referral is Friday, September 25, 2020, 3:30 PM.***

Referral window for Grades 1-2 and for students new to the district

September 10-25, 2020

Referral window for Grades 3-12

September 10-Friday, January 8, 2021

If you have questions or concerns,

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