# NISD Gifted & Talented

Parent
Awareness
Session







### Texas State Plan for the Education of Gifted & Talented Students

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, or environment and who:

- exhibits high performance capability in an intellectual, creative, or artistic area;
- possesses an unusual capacity for leadership; or
- excels in a specific academic field. (Texas Education Code §29.121)



# NISD GT program aims to...

- Provide instruction designed to meet the unique needs of students with advanced general intellectual ability and/or specific subject matter aptitude
- Provide appropriately differentiated curriculum in efforts to help students work to their fullest potential
- Provide GT services that may include a modified delivery of instruction for students by accelerating and/or providing for greater depth, more complex content, and enrichment activities

"What makes a child gifted and talented may not always be good grades in school, but a different way of learning and looking at the world."

—Chuck Grassley

Six
Types of
Gifted
Students

The Creative

The At-Risk

The Autonomous

The Successful

The Underground

The Multi-Exceptional



## The Successful



- Most Commonly Identified
- High Achievers
- Accepts & Conforms
- Avoids Risk



## The Creative

- Honest & Direct
- Expresses Impulses
- Challenges Teachers
- Non-Conforming
- Highly Creative

#### The Underground



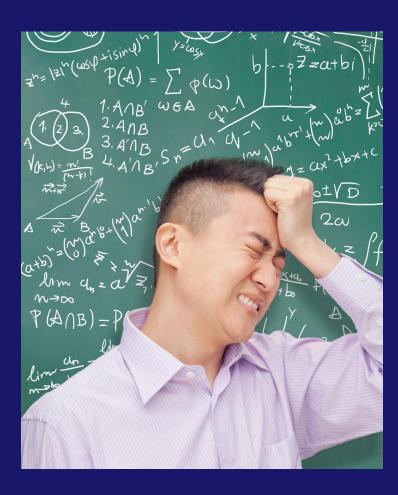
- Denies Talent
- Rejects Challenges
- Does not feel connected to their peers or teachers



#### The At-Risk

- Pursues Outside Interest
- Thrill Seeking
- Critical of Self & Others
- Frustrated with School

#### The Multi-Exceptional



- Enjoys Novelty & Complexity
- Disorganized
- Demonstrates Inconsistent Work



## The Autonomous

- Sets Goals
- Seeks Challenge
- Self-Directed
- Independent

#### The Identification Process

#### Referral

- Parent
- Teacher
- Other

**Online Referral Form** 

#### **Data Collection**

- Educator/Parent
   Checklist of GT
   Characteristics
- Cognitive Abilities Test
- MAP Achievement Tests in Reading and Math

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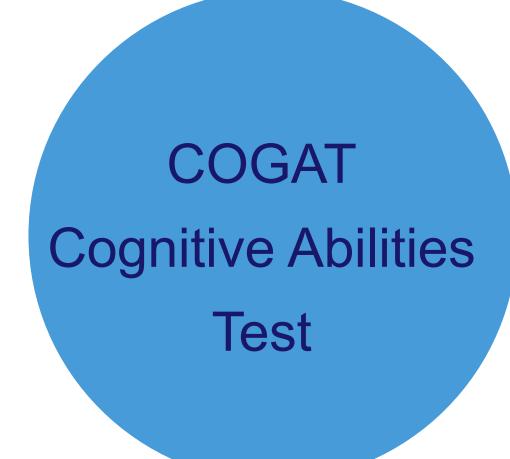
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#### 2023 - 2024 GT Testing Schedule

Testing Session	Parent Referral Deadline	Testing Window
Elementary Grades 1-5 New to NISD with prior GT status ONLY	ongoing	Beginning of Year: September 5 - 15, 2023 AFTER receiving GT documentation from previous district; then ongoing as students enroll
Secondary Grades 6-12 New to NISD with prior GT status ONLY	ongoing	Beginning of Year: September 18 - 29, 2023 AFTER receiving GT documentation from previous district; then ongoing as students enroll
District CogAT Testing Grade 5	N/A - all NISD 5th graders tested	September 18 - 29, 2023
Elementary Grades 3 & 4	September 29, 2023	October 10 - 20, 2023
Kindergarten	December 15, 2023	January 8 - February 2, 2024
District CogAT Testing Grade 2	N/A - all NISD 2nd graders tested	February 12 - March 1, 2024
Elementary Grade 1	February 23, 2024	March 4 - 28, 2024
Secondary Grades 6-12	February 23, 2024	March 4 - April 25, 2024

# Contact your campus GT Specialist for more information regarding:

- the identification process
- required information for referrals
- NISD GT Program and Service Design



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NISD Gifted & Talented Website

District Plan for Gifted & Talented Education

Northside ISD



The NISD mission is to transform the learning experience for students.

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