

Is My Child Gifted?

An Information Overview of the
NISD Gifted & Talented Program



What is Giftedness?

In Northside Independent School District , and in the State of Texas, “gifted and talented students” are defined as a child who performs or shows the potential for performing at a remarkably high level of accomplishment when compared to others of the same age, experience , or environment.



NISD applies Joseph Renzulli's concept of *giftedness*

Why Might My Child Be Gifted?

- Spoke/read at an early age
- Understands humor at an advanced level
- Reads voraciously, often including nonfiction
- Unusual perspective for his/her age
- Advanced vocabulary
- Sensitive towards others

Who Can Nominate?

ANYONE CAN NOMINATE!

TEACHERS, PARENTS, PRINCIPAL,
COUNSELORS, STUDENT PEERS



Nomination Deadlines & Testing Dates

COGAT TESTING FOR ALL 3RD GRADERS:

- SEPTEMBER
12-15

INTERMEDIATE TESTING GRADES 3-5

- FALL
- NOMINATIONS DUE:
OCTOBER 6
- TESTING WINDOW:
NOVEMBER 6-11

PRIMARY TESTING GRADES 1-2

- WINTER
- NOMINATIONS DUE:
JANUARY 6
- TESTING WINDOW:
FEBRUARY 6-10

Kindergarten Screenings

THE CAMPUS GT TEACHER WORKS WITH KINDERGARTEN STUDENTS ON CREATIVE THINKING, CRITICAL THINKING, AND PROBLEM SOLVING ACTIVITIES. BASED ON THE RESULTS OF THESE LESSONS A RECOMMENDATION MAY BE MADE FOR FURTHER GT TESTING.

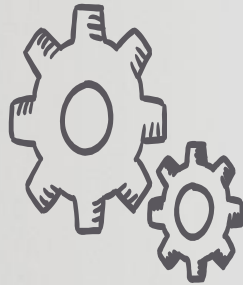
- **KINDERGARTEN NOMINATION DEADLINE
NOVEMBER 28, 2016**
- **KINDERGARTEN TESTING
JANUARY 9-13**

NISD Testing Requirements

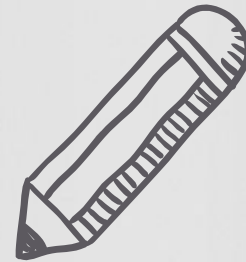
IOWA TEST



Cognitive Abilities
Test (CogAT)



Torrance Test



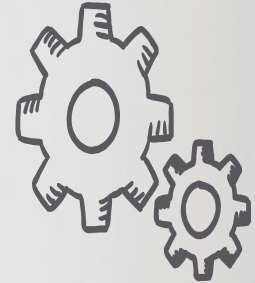
Academic - IOWA

- READING AND MATH ABILITIES ARE MEASURED USING THIS NATIONALLY NORMED INSTRUMENT.
- TEST LASTS APPROXIMATELY 2.5 HOURS



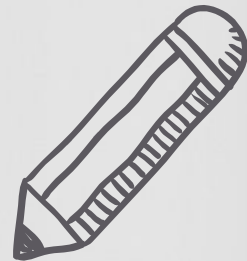
COGNITIVE ABILITIES TEST (COGAT)- Reasoning Abilities

- CONSISTS OF THE FOLLOWING SECTIONS:
 - QUANTITATIVE (NUMBER PATTERNS, SEQUENCE)
 - VERBAL (ANALOGIES, VOCABULARY)
 - NON-VERBAL (PUZZLES)
- RETESTING CAN TAKE PLACE ONCE EVERY 24 MONTHS.
- THIS INSTRUMENT IS ADMINISTERED ON A SEPARATE DAYS AND LASTS APPROXIMATELY 3 HOURS.



Creativity - Torrance

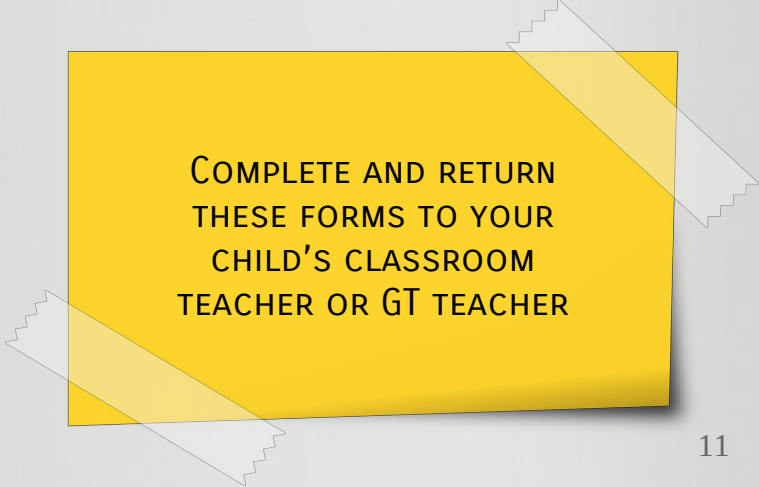
- THIS TEST MEASURES THE CREATIVITY OF YOUR CHILD.
 - USE THE CIRCLES PROVIDED TO ADD AND DRAW DETAILS TO MAKE A NEW PICTURE .
- WHAT THEY LOOK FOR:
 - FLUENCY, ELABORATION, ORIGINALITY, RESISTANCE TO PREMATURE CLOSURE, CREATIVE TITLES
- AGE RELATED NORMS ARE USED FOR SCORING
- TAKES APPROXIMATELY 45 MINUTES



Parent Checklist & Permission to Test

BEHAVIORAL CHARACTERISTICS SCALE

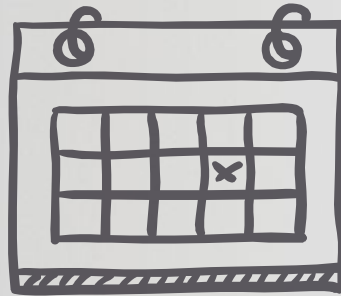
- ASKS FOR YOUR OPINION ON VARIOUS CHARACTERISTICS ABOUT HOW YOUR CHILD:
- LEARNS
- IS MOTIVATED
- SHOWS LEADERSHIP
- COMMUNICATES
- DEMONSTRATES CREATIVITY



COMPLETE AND RETURN
THESE FORMS TO YOUR
CHILD'S CLASSROOM
TEACHER OR GT TEACHER

Test Results

RESULTS CAN TAKE UP TO **6-8** WEEKS FROM
THE CONCLUSION OF THE TESTING WINDOW



CAMPUS SELECTION COMMITTEE

MEMBERS

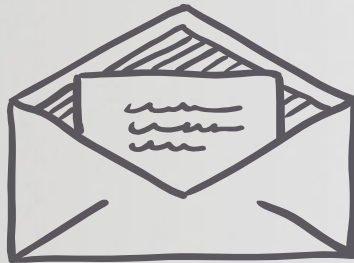


- ADMINISTRATOR(S)
- COUNSELOR(S)
- GT TEACHERS

REVIEW ALL THE TEST SCORES AND PROFILES OF THE STUDENTS

Results

- PARENTS/GUARDIANS WILL BE NOTIFIED AS TO WHETHER OR NOT THEIR CHILD QUALIFIED TO RECEIVE GT SERVICES.
- PARENTS CAN SCHEDULE A CONFERENCE WITH THE GT TEACHER TO DISCUSS TEST SCORES.



Steps for Nominations

1. PONDER WHAT YOU
LEARNED ABOUT THE
GT PROGRAM



2. DISCUSS YOUR CHILD'S
ABILITIES WITH THE
CLASSROOM TEACHER



3. REQUEST GT TESTING
WITH THE CLASSROOM
TEACHER OR CAMPUS GT
TEACHER



THANKS!

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