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Gifted and Talented
Gifted and Talented Program in Killeen ISD

What is the state goal for GT students?

How can I tell if my student is bright versus gifted?

How are students identified as GT?

What programs are offered for GT Students?
Students who participate in services designed for GT students will demonstrate skills in self-directed learning, thinking, research, and communication as evidenced by the development of innovative products and performances that reflect individuality and creativity and are advanced in relation to students of similar age, experience, or environment.
## How can I tell if my student is bright versus gifted?

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<th>Bright Child</th>
<th>Gifted Child</th>
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<td>Knows the answers</td>
<td>Asks the questions</td>
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<td>Is interested</td>
<td>Is highly curious</td>
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<td>Has good ideas</td>
<td>Has wild, silly ideas</td>
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<td>Works hard</td>
<td>Plays around, but can test well</td>
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<td>Answers the questions</td>
<td>Discussed in detail, elaborates</td>
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<td>Listens with interest</td>
<td>Shows strong feelings and opinions</td>
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<td>Understands ideas</td>
<td>Constructs abstractions</td>
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<td>Enjoys peers</td>
<td>Prefers adults</td>
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<td>Completes assignments</td>
<td>Initiates projects</td>
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<td>Absorbs information</td>
<td>Manipulates information</td>
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<td>Technician</td>
<td>Inventor</td>
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<td>Is pleased with own learning</td>
<td>Is highly self-critical</td>
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Students can be recommended for testing by parents/guardians, teachers, counselors, or administrators.

KISD provides services for academic areas only for GT students, as a result the areas we identify students in are as follows: Math, ELA, Social Studies, and Science.

For Elementary, if a student scores above a 92% on the NWEA MAP assessment a referral for GT testing is considered.

The following components make up the assessment used for GT identification:
Programs offered will vary by campus, but all are designed to meet the unique needs of our GT students.

Some options may include the following:
• Texas Performance Standards Project (TPSP) completed annually
• Genius Hour
• Critical Thinking Groups
• Differentiation in the classroom
• Pull out with librarian or other GT certified staff
Questions?

Each campus has a GT Coordinator who is well versed in the specific information for that campus. For general information please feel free to reach out to a District Coordinator:

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