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Dear Parent(s),

The MISD Gifted and Talented Program considers all students in kindergarten – fifth grade for services. This involves the collection of information for identifying students who are performing at a high level in intellectual ability. In upcoming weeks, the district will begin to consider students for services. **The 2024 Texas State Plan for the Education of Gifted and Talented Students** requires a parent or guardian to give consent to participate in the GT Evaluation Process and for GT services, if the student qualifies. The consent will be provided at the beginning of the Parent Observation Inventory. The parent consent and parent observation window opens Monday, September 8, 2025, and **closes on Friday, September 26, 2025**.

- A. **Teacher Observation Inventory (Kindergarten – 5th)**
(Completed at school by teacher September 29, 2025 – **December 5, 2025**)

The Teacher Observation assists educators in recognizing students who show characteristics of giftedness.

- B. **Parent Consent and Observation Inventory (Kindergarten – 5th)**
(Completed at home by parent or guardian September 8, 2025 – **September 26, 2025**)

The Parent Observation Inventory allows parents the opportunity to provide information regarding gifted characteristics they see outside of school. The Parent Observation Inventory will be available via Google Form.

Link to Parent Consent and Observation Inventory:

<https://forms.gle/MkexoK5xNA5TGveD8>



- C. **Cognitive Abilities Test - CogAT**
Kindergarten- September 29 – November 20
1st – 5th grade- January 13 – February 27

The Cognitive Abilities Test is a standardized exam used to assess cognitive ability, literacy, reading and mathematics skills. This test will be administered at school. This test will occur at school.

Attached is the calendar of testing events for Gifted and Talented. Should you have any questions, please contact the office.

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Gifted and Talented Program Identification Timeline
Kindergarten – 5th Grade
2025-2026

Step 1: Student GT Referral Window	
Sept. 8, 2025 – Sept. 26, 2025	Parent Consent and Parent Observation Inventory <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ALL Kinder Parent Consents must be submitted <i>prior</i> to the testing window
Sept. 29, 2025 - Dec. 5, 2025	Teacher Observation Inventory (Kindergarten – 5th) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> For students whose Parent Consent form has been completed.
Sept. 29, 2025 - Nov 17, 2025	4 Planned Experiences
Step 2: Student Assessment Window	
Sept. 29, 2025 - Nov. 20, 2025	Cognitive Abilities Testing for Kindergarten <ul style="list-style-type: none"> All Kindergarten students will complete the CogAT assessment during this window. Consent for testing is <u>required</u>.
Jan. 13, 2026- Feb. 27, 2026	Cognitive Abilities Testing for Grades 1st – 5th <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Consent for testing required Students <u>eligible</u> to test will be determined on <i>pre-screening evaluation</i>.
Step 3: GT Campus Identification Committee Meetings and GT Placement Window	
Feb. 2026 – Mar. 2026	Kindergarten Parent Notification Letters <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Notification of assessment results and GT placement.
March 2, 2026	Services Begin for <u>Newly</u> GT Identified Kindergarten Students
April- May 2026	1st - 5th Grade Parent Notification Letters (Yes/No) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Notification of assessment results and GT placement
2026 - 2027 School Year	Services Begin for Newly GT Identified 1st-5th grade students.

** Calendar may be revised due to unforeseen events*

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