

Gifted and Talented Comprehensive Program Guide



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Texas Education Agency's Definition of Gifted & Talented

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](#))

New Home ISD

Goals for Gifted & Talented Students

New Home ISD Gifted and Talented Students will:

- Study issues, themes, and problems of a discipline of study to create an in-depth understanding
- Become creative problem-solvers and use complex thinking skills effectively
- Generate a variety of original products of professional quality through skills and information gained from an in-depth study
- Develop a healthy self-concept and sense of pride in accomplishment as it relates to self and others
- Develop leadership skills that will enable these students to become leaders beyond their school days and into the work world

New Home ISD Gifted & Talented Program Design

Elementary

The New Home G/T program for grades K – 5 will be an enrichment program developed in the regular classroom with the assistance of the G/T Coordinator and teacher and additional pull-out throughout the year. Most learning activities will be designed to enhance the students' creativity and productive thinking skills in the four core curriculum areas (Math, English, Science, and Social Studies) within the regular classroom setting. The teachers will provide direction, materials, and resources to reinforce, extend, and enhance the daily curriculum to meet the gifted and talented students. The Texas Essential Knowledge and Skills (TEKS), technology, and educational materials will be used as a basis but will be extended to challenge the students in the G/T program and to provide a program of experiences that is differentiated from the regular school program.

Secondary

The Gifted and Talented program for Grades 6-12 is embedded within the core content areas and notes as GT/Honors.

6th-8th Grade: Identified students have the opportunity to enroll in honors core content courses in math, as well as honors 7th Reading and 8th ELAR.

9th-12th Grade: Identified students have the opportunity to enroll in honors core content courses in the areas of Math and English. These courses follow the same state standards as an academic or honors course, but elements of Project or Problem-Based Learning are embedded within the course for student products. Identified students in grades 9-12 may also be served through Advanced Placement and dual credit courses.

Referral Process

Referral of Students

All students in grades K-12 will have the opportunity to be referred and tested during the academic year. Teachers, administrators, and parents may refer students to the Gifted & Talented program in the New Home Independent School District. The referral process is held annually or as needed for students new to the district. All referred students will be screened for placement. Students may only be referred and screened once in twelve months.

Referral Windows

Elementary

Grades K-5

Two weeks in late November/early December. GT differentiation will begin within classrooms as soon as the student is identified.

Secondary

Grades 6-12

Two weeks in late November/early December. GT differentiation will begin within classrooms as soon as the student is identified.