# **Mission/Vision**

The Fort Bend Academy for the Gifted and Talented engages students in rich instructional strategies to differentiate for the academically gifted. The focus of the Academy is to provide challenging learning opportunities in a learning environment that enhances self-awareness, self-efficacy, problem-solving, and the learning of critical/creative thinking skills.

Find out more about this program through the Fort Bend ISD website at www.fortbendisd.com.



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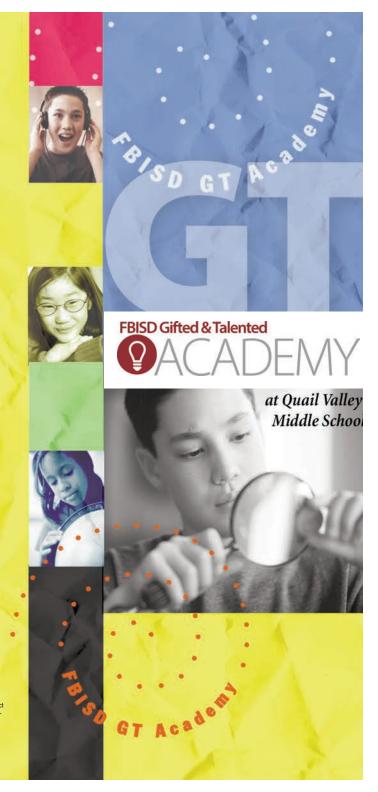
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## **Program Highlights**

- · Use technology to facilitate the learning process and serve as an important tool for organization, research and communication
- · Active participation in organized service to foster civic responsibility
- Off-campus experiences that will take students to unique destinations such as research labs, museums, historical sites. cultural sites, industrial design firms, universities and medical centers
- Extra-curricular activities may include: Math Counts, Science Olympiad, Robotics, Destination Imagination, Pentathlon, History Fair, Science Fair, Mars Rover, Future Problem Solvers, Geography Bee, band, orchestra, theatre and sports offered at the middle school level

# **Eligibility**

### Fifth and sixth-grade students who:

- · Are identified as gifted and talented
- · Reside in Fort Bend ISD
- Not currently enrolled in FBISD must meet the criteria for gifted identification for FBISD to submit an application for the GT Academy.

# **Credit by Exam:**

A student will be permitted to take an exam to earn credit for an academic course for which the student has had no prior instruction. This allows students to accelerate in most academic areas. It is recommended that a parent plan ahead to consider the courses available at the child's campus prior to taking a credit by exam. The dates on which exams are scheduled may be obtained by visiting www.fortbendisd.com or contacting the FBISD Testing Department.



## **Curriculum & Instruction**

The FBISD G/T Academy at Quail Valley Middle School offers a rich and dynamic academic program, with exceptional depth and challenge. The curriculum will empower students to pursue their passions and to make important connections through problem-based, interdisciplinary study and investigation.



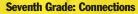
The core curriculum takes a rigorous approach to mathematics, language arts, science, social studies and foreign language, with technology integrated throughout. Students will have creative options, alternative activities and a plethora of opportunities such as portfolios, presentations and performances to display their mastery of the curriculum. Themes and essential questions will shape the curriculum of the Academy program, providing our students with a cohesive and relevant middle school experience.

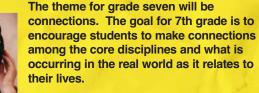




**Sixth Grade: Exploration** 

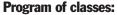
The theme for grade six will be exploration. The word exploration has a myriad of meanings. At its core, however, exploration focuses on investigating for the purpose of making discoveries or acquiring information.







The theme for grade eight will be reflection. As students complete the middle school experience, our focus becomes introspective. Students will reexamine the ideas explored as 6th graders, analyzed as 7th graders and now reflect on those ideas and experiences to prepare themselves for a creative and productive future.



#### **Grade Six:**

- English/ Language Arts
- · Social Studies: World Cultures
- Math
- Science
- Spanish IA (HS credit)
- Physical Education
- Elective(1):

Art I/II

Band I/II

Choral Music

Orchestra I

Introduction to Creative Performance

#### **Grade Seven:**

- English/ Language Arts Pre AP
- · Texas History Pre AP
- Math Pre AP or Algebra Pre AP
- · Science Pre AP
- Spanish IB (HS credit)
- Physical Education/ Health
- Elective(1):

Art I/II

Band I/ II

Choral Music

Creative Thinking for Synthesis

Orchestra I/ II

Introduction to Broadcasting

Teen Leadership

Principles of Creative Performance I or II

Math Counts

Journalism

## **Grade Eight:**

- · English/Language Arts Pre AP
- · U.S. History Pre AP
- Algebra I Pre AP (HS credit)
- Geometry Pre AP (HS credit)
- Math 8
- · Science Pre AP
- Spanish II (HS credit)
- Physical Education
- Elective(1):

Art II/ III

Band I/ II/ III

Choral Music

Orchestra I/ II/ III

Introduction to Broadcasting

Math Counts

Teen Leadership

Journalism

Principles of Creative Performance I or II

Peer Assistance & Leadership (PALS)

Creative Thinking for Synthesis



