

MEET THE COUNSELOR 2024-2025

WELCOME HIGHLANDS PARENTS
AND GUARDIANS!



ABOUT THE COUNSELOR – MRS. ANGELA HSU

Personal:

- Parents from Taiwan
- Speak conversational Mandarin Chinese
- Husband and I have a daughter, Sophia who is almost 2.5 years old

Education:

- Clements High School
- UT-Austin (B.S. Elementary Education)
- University of Houston (M.Ed. Counseling)

Work:

- 19th year in Fort Bend ISD (taught for 11 years)
- 8th year as a school counselor, 7th at HE
- Licensed Professional Counselor

COUNSELING CURRICULUM



- We follow the American School Counseling Association (ASCA) model, which include:
 - Guidance Curriculum – all students, Core Essential Values
 - Responsive Services – intervention
 - Individual Planning – managing & planning goals
 - System Support – staff, parents, community

SERVICES PROVIDED



- Guidance lessons during Outclass or in classrooms about:
 - Bullying prevention, anti-victimization, social media / internet safety
 - Core Essentials (character education that aligns with the FBISD profile of a graduate)
- Small group work and one-on-one counseling with students
- Gifted & Talented testing and referral assistance
- Referral for outside resources: therapists, psychologists, psychiatrist
- Consultation with parents and/or teachers

ADDITIONAL SERVICES



- New student Lunch Bunch
- National Elementary Honor Society: 5th graders
- “No Place for Hate” school-wide events
- “Girls on the Run” Program for 3rd-5th grade girls (Our 6th season)
- Career Day “Student of the Month” breakfast celebrations



NEEDS ASSESSMENT FOR 3RD- 5TH GRADERS

- Purpose:

- Opportunity for students to share thoughts & feelings
- Focus small group and whole group classroom lessons
- Direct student feedback on guidance lessons

Extra: Minute Meetings for all PreK-1st graders



BULLYING



- **Bullying** – unwanted aggressive behavior through verbal, written, or electronic expression. It can occur on campus or off-campus, school-related events, or a vehicle operated by the district -- including cyberbullying.
 1. Done on purpose
 2. One-sided
 3. Target feels scared or intimidated by aggressor
 4. Happens repeatedly but can ALSO happen ONE time
- * Must meet all 4 of these criteria during investigation to qualify as bullying



IT TAKES A TEAM!

- If your child comes home telling you he/she is being bullied, some helpful questions to ask with the 4 criteria in mind:
- **What happened beforehand?**
 - (To determine one-sided or mutual hurtful behavior)
- **How are you feeling about that person?**
 - (To determine if your child is intimidated/scared or hurt/offended)
- **I'm here to help. Have you told the person to stop assertively – in a clear and firm way?**
 - (To determine problem solving steps: ignoring, telling the other person to STOP, asking teacher for help, asking counselor for help)

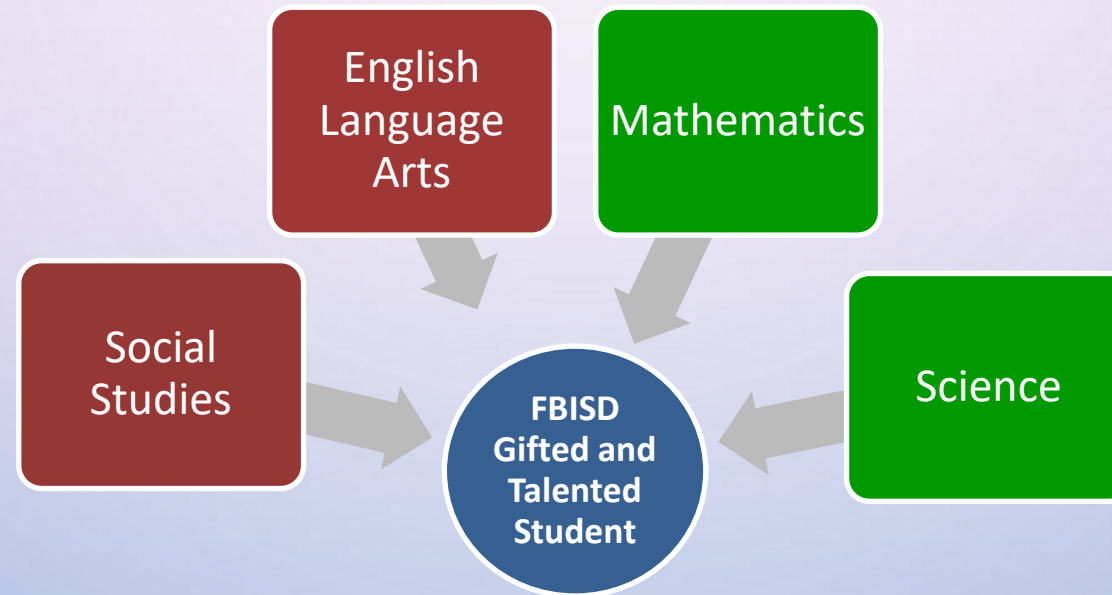


BULLYING ALLEGATIONS

- Brought to our attention via student, parent, teacher, staff member, or bus driver
- Counselor will talk with target and see what happened
- Assistant principal will continue the investigation, send parent rights home, and notify parents
- If bullying is warranted, a stay-away agreement for both parties are signed.



Fort Bend ISD Gifted and Talented Areas Served



STUDENTS ARE CURRENTLY IDENTIFIED AND
SERVED IN THE 4 CORE AREAS.





GIFTED & TALENTED (GT) REFERRAL / TESTING

Important links: *

- Online referral system: <https://gt.fortbendisd.com/>
- You MUST have a Skyward login and password to access the online GT referral form. If you do not have one, you can visit here to register:

<https://www.fortbendisd.com/family-access>

GIFTED & TALENTED (GT) REFERRAL / TESTING/PROCESS



- The gifted and talented referral window is now open until Monday, Sept. 30th. **Hard deadline -- There are no exceptions.**
- Online referral system: <https://gt.fortbendisd.com/>
- Universal screener/GT testing window for 2nd grade is **October 21st-25th**
- Kindergarten, 1st, 3rd-5th grade – **October 28th - Nov. 8th**
- Parents/Families will be asked to complete a Home Rating Scale (SIGS) in **December/January**
- Notification emailed out in March for all grade levels & Kindergarten GT services begin on **March 1st, 2025**

GIFTED & TALENTED (GT) REFERRAL / TESTING/PROCESS - CONTINUED



- **Spring:** Feb. 3rd-7th, 2025 for students who enroll in FBISD schools after the Fall window closes.
- If your child is identified for GT in one area (Math/Science or ELA/Social Studies), there will be no additional Spring testing.

2ND GRADE UNIVERSAL SCREENER



- 2nd graders (who are not currently identified for GT services) in Fort Bend ISD will take the **C**ognitive **A**bilities **T**est (CogAT) during the universal screener window: **October 21st-25th**
- Test is untimed; self-paced and by GT administrator instruction
- All directions are read aloud to students & directions can be given in Spanish if needed.

Once Identified – What Happens



GT services are provided in the core subject areas: English Language Arts, Social Studies, Math, and Science.

Students are cluster grouped with GT trained teachers.

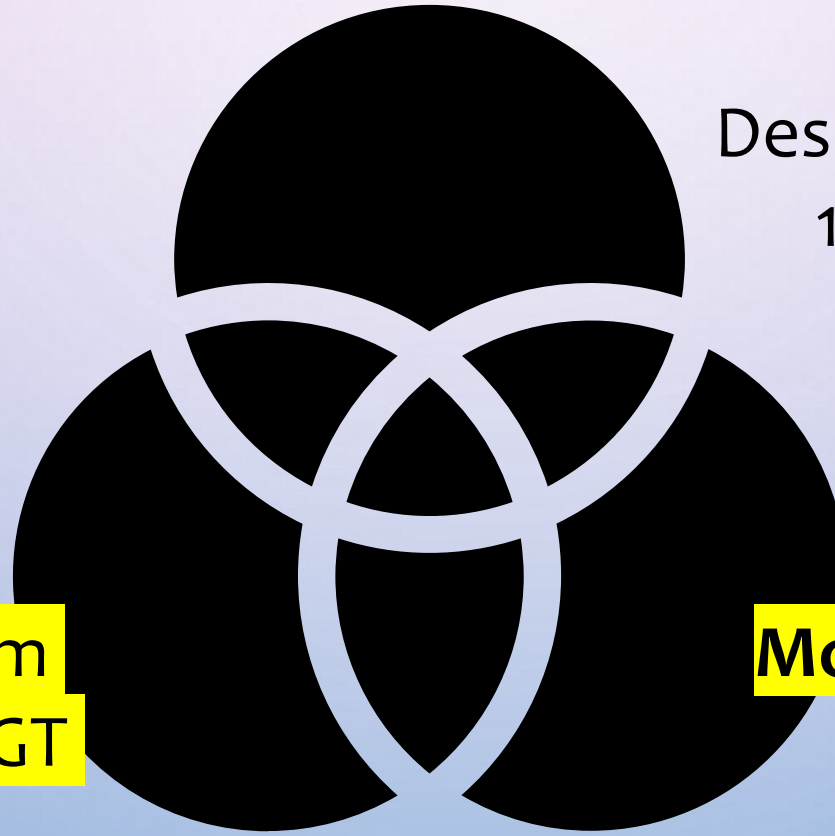
GT Learning Plans for each student are completed to support student growth.

FBISD teachers also provide lesson differentiation, and participation in projects aligned to the Texas Performance Standards Project (TPSP).

GT STUDENT GROUPING



Every campus is required to have at least 1 of these three models.



Designated GT classroom –
100% of class is all GT

GT Cluster – minimum
of 6, maximum of 12 GT
students

Modified GT Cluster – there
are fewer than 6 GT
identified



SCOTTIES



<http://designslist.com/designs/classroom-map-designs.html>



BIG QUESTION: HOW DO WE PREPARE OUR CHILD FOR THE TEST?

- There is no true way to prepare for the Cognitive Abilities Test, or CogAT.
 - Be wary of companies that guarantee identification.
- Giftedness is a natural ability. They either are gifted or they aren't.
 - Only 3-5% of the population are truly gifted.
- Most of our referred students are high-achievers, not gifted.
 - Pre-AP classes in MS and HS are open to all students, not just those with needing gifted services.

QUESTIONS?

THANK YOU for attending! Please feel free to email me privately, if needed. 😊