



## What Parents of GT-identified 5<sup>th</sup> Graders in FBISD Need to Know about the GTA

*The Gifted & Talented Academy (GTA)* at Quail Valley Middle School is the only middle school academy program in FBISD. It offers a unique curriculum tailored to meet the social-emotional and academic needs of gifted children. All GT-identified 5<sup>th</sup> grade students are encouraged to apply for this program. **The application window for the GTA opens on February 1<sup>st</sup> and closes on the last day of February.** If your child is accepted into the GTA, FBISD will provide transportation to and from Quail Valley Middle School all three years of his/her middle school tenure.

***In the GTA, your child will take all his/her core classes (ELA, Math, Science, Social Studies, and Spanish) in a supportive environment where every student in the class is GT-identified.*** The teachers in the GTA are trained in, well-versed in, and skilled in meeting the needs of gifted students, and the curriculum is specially designed, featuring unique projects and lessons as well as numerous off-campus field experiences each year—all created with the gifted learner in mind.

Interested students and parents are invited to the ***GTA Expo of Excellence Information Night*** on Thursday, February 12<sup>th</sup> from 6:30-8:00 pm. The *Expo of Excellence* is a chance see what the GTA is all about firsthand. It will feature numerous student projects and presentations as well as information about the GTA and how to apply. You can register for the *Expo of Excellence* at this link: [Expo of Excellence 2026 Registration](#)

**Want to know more?** Watch this video to see for yourself what makes the GTA special. [Video: Learn About the GTA](#) To learn even more, visit the GTA website at [www.fortbendisd.com/gtacademy](http://www.fortbendisd.com/gtacademy). The website includes details about the GTA overall and the application process in particular.

Please contact Joseph Bernhart, Academy Coordinator, at [joseph.bernhart@fortbendisd.gov](mailto:joseph.bernhart@fortbendisd.gov) or at (281) 634-6687 if you have any questions or would like to learn more. **Don't let this opportunity pass your child by!**