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GIFTED IN FBISD:

A newsletter for the gifted
community of Fort Settlement
Middle School



Gifted and Talented Services in Fort Bend ISD

The mission of the Fort Bend ISD Gifted and Talented services is to provide learning opportunities that challenge and develop the abilities of identified gifted students through critical, creative and self-directed learning, as well as meet their social and emotional needs.

Students in middle and high school receive services from core content teachers trained in instructional strategies and best practices for gifted students. These students experience lessons, projects, and activities that include real-life applications, opportunities for research and personalization, as well as in-class support when the need for challenge arises!

To learn more about the opportunities and services provided within our district for your child, visit www.fortbendisd.com/gifted.

FSMS GT HIGHLIGHTS

- 26% of FSMS students are identified for Gifted and Talented services
- 37 FSMS teachers currently serve our GT students
- Nadine Skinner, FSMS parent, serves as our campus parent liaison for the FBISD GT Parent Advisory Committee
- FSMS students have opportunities to participate in Science Fair, National History Day projects, Geography Bee, Spelling Bee, TMSCA, Math Counts, Science Bowl and more!



Upcoming Events

Colorful Conversations

Wednesday, February 28th

6:00 PM – 7:00 PM

FBISD Annex, Main Auditorium

Bring your child and your creativity skills. The activities of the evening will spark conversation between gifted students and their parents!

Discovering Creativity

Wednesday, March 28th

6:00 PM – 7:00 PM

FBISD Annex, Main Auditorium

Parents will have an opportunity to experience real-world activities that promote innovation and creativity at home.

The FSMS GT Program

Thursday, March 8th

Campus Library

6:00 PM - 6:30 PM

Parents of newly identified GT students are invited to meet our GT counselor and administrator to learn more about GT at FSMS! Look for your invitation via email soon!

Complete the GT Parent Survey HERE!

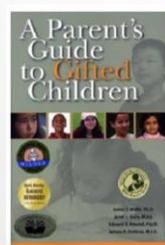
BOOKS, ARTICLES, AND TIPS FOR PARENTS

Perfectionism

Perfectionism affects many populations, but poses special concerns for gifted students. This [TIP SHEET](#) provides strategies for adults to help their children.

UNDERACHIEVEMENT

Reversing Underachievement: Gifted children are especially at risk for academic underachievement. This [ARTICLE](#) provides insight on how parents can work with their gifted child.



By Jim Webb,
Janet Gore,
Edward
Amend, &
Arlene
DeVries

Raising a gifted child is both a joy and a challenge! The authors of this book provide practical guidance in key areas for parents such as characteristics, peer relations, motivation, intensity and stress, and much more

2018 – 2019 Course Selection for GT Students: PRE-AP and AP!

As your child begins to complete their course selection for 2018-2019, it is important to remember GT students grades 6 – 12 **must** be enrolled in Pre-AP and AP classes.

Your child's area of identification determines **which** Advanced Level courses they should select. Students in the GT MATH and SCIENCE Program, must enroll in a Pre-AP or AP Math **AND** Science Course. The same applies for ELA and SS. If your child is GT ALL AREAS, they must enroll in Pre-AP or AP Math, Science, ELA **AND** Social Studies course.

If your child is not enrolling in the appropriate courses, please contact your child's counselor to initiate **FURLOUGH** paperwork. A **FURLOUGH** allows a student to take a "leave of absence" from the program for specified reasons and for a designated period without being exited.

Scholarships and Opportunities

Texas Association for the Gifted and Talented (TAGT)

TAGT rewards gifted and talented students through various scholarship programs ranging from \$400 to \$2,500. Deadlines Approaching!

[TAGT SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAMS FLYER](#)

Davidson Institute www.davidsoninstitute.org

The Davidson Institute supports the Nation's brightest minds with free support services, scholarships, and summer institutes. Deadlines Approaching!

[DAVIDSON INSTITUTE YOUNG SCHOLARS APPLICATION FLYER](#)

[DAVIDSON FELLOWS SCHOLARSHIP FAQ'S](#)

Jack Kent Cooke Foundation Young Scholars

The Young Scholars Program is a selective pre-college scholarship for high-performing 7th grade students with financial need.

[JKCF YOUNG SCHOLARS FLYER](#)