

GT Middle School Academy

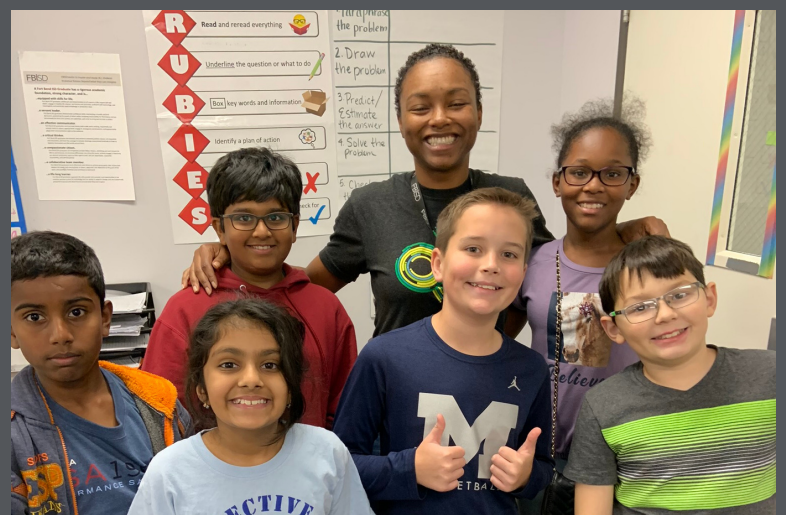


PARENT GUIDE



What is the Gifted and Talented (GT) Middle School Academy?

The Fort Bend ISD GT Academy is a middle school program of choice that provides meaningful and challenging learning opportunities to differentiate for the academically gifted. Instruction is designed to enhance self-awareness, self-efficacy, problem solving and the learning of critical and creative thinking skills through field experiences, interdisciplinary study and investigation.



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What is the application process?

The GT Academy middle school is a program of choice option for GT students in Fort Bend ISD. The recruitment, application and selection process occurs during the 5th grade year.

The application process is quick, easy and only requires a simple CLICK! In March of every year, the GT Academy application opens to all eligible GT 5th grade students at www.academy.fortbendisd.com

What is the selection process?

If the number of applicants exceeds the capacity of the incoming class, a two-tiered lottery (random selection) will commence.

Tier 1

GT students who have a CoGAT score at or above 130 (97th percentile) on at least one subtest will be entered into a lottery for available seats.

Tier 2

The remaining GT students will be entered into a lottery for the remaining seats (if available after the Tier 1 lottery).

Where is the GT Academy located?

The FBISD GT Academy (GTA) is located in Quail Valley Middle School (QVMS) – 3019 FM 1029 Rd Missouri City, TX

What is the start and end time at QVMS?

The school day at QVMS is 8:55 AM – 4:10 PM.

Is transportation provided to QVMS GTA?

The District provides transportation from common locations such as elementary schools and community centers to QVMS. Please visit the FBISD Transportation Website to see the current transportation schedule to get an idea of pick-up and drop-off times. *Transportation for before or after school activities must be provided by parents and/or guardians.*

How are the GTA courses different from open enrollment AAC courses?

The most poignant differences are difficult to measure as they impact students beyond their academics.

Here are a few ways the GTA courses are different from open enrollment AAC courses:

- Learning with GT peers
- GT-Trained Teachers
- Project-Based Learning
- Conceptual Teaching and Learning
- Leadership Development
- Field Experiences

Will my child take classes only with students from the GT Academy?

The GT Academy uses a grade-level cohort model. This means five out of seven of your child's classes will be with their GTA classmates only. The other two classes, Fine Arts and PE/Kickstart, are shared classes with students zoned to QVMS.



Can my child play sports at QVMS GTA?

Students at QVMS can play volleyball, football, basketball, tennis, track and field, cheerleading, and soccer beginning in the 7th grade year. This is standard across FBISD.

What kind of clubs are available at QVMS GTA?

The clubs at QVMS are open to all students and change from year to year. There are a variety of clubs that enrich our students academically; help students build leadership skills; provide safe spaces for social interactions based on interest; and build character. Each year QVMS hosts a club fair highlighting all clubs on the campus.

What electives are available at the QVMS GTA?

In physical education, students can choose between PE and KickStart. In Fine Arts, they can choose between band, orchestra, choir, theater, or art. There are other electives offered for 7th and 8th graders. In order to take these other electives; however, students will have to replace their Fine Arts selection.

Is acceleration a part of the GT Academy program?

Acceleration is embedded in the GT Academy course pathway. Students who matriculate through the GT Academy can earn at least three high school credits. Spanish I and II are required courses for all students. These two credits satisfy the World Language requirement for graduation in Texas. Additionally, students will have the opportunity to take Algebra 1 in 8th grade. Students interested in earning more than the three embedded high school credits, must take Credit By Exams.

STANDARD GT ACADEMY COURSE PATHWAY (without Credit By Exams)

	6 th Grade	7 th Grade	8 th Grade
Math	GTA Math 6	GTA Math 7	Algebra 1 AAC
ELA	GTA ELA 6	GTA ELA 7	GTA ELA 8
Science	GTA Science 6	GTA Science 7	GTA Science 8
Social Studies	GTA World Cultures	GTA Texas History	GTA US History
World Language	Spanish 1A	Spanish 1B	Spanish II
Physical Education	PE/KICKSTART	PE/KICKSTART and Health	PE/KICKSTART
Fine Art/Electives	Fine Art	Fine Art/Elective	Fine Art/Elective

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