

# G/T Academy Alumni Advice

*The following quotes are taken from the GTA Alumni Survey 2012. These former Raiders attended the G/T Academy during middle school and are currently in their first, second or third year of high school.*

It was hard for me to decide to leave my elementary friends and come to the Academy, but it was so worth it! I still got to keep in touch with old friends as well as meet many new ones at the G/T Academy. It was one of the best decisions I've ever made, and a wonderful experience!

Even though you'll only know a few people at the beginning, the Academy will really make you feel like part of a community that loves you for who you are. The environment as a whole is very academically stimulating, and I feel like it will push everyone's talents to the fullest. Don't be scared! It will be an extraordinary experience that will not only prepare you to succeed in high school but will equip you with life lessons that will help you beyond school.

**If you are offered the opportunity to join this prestigious academic program, do it! It will be one of the best decisions you will make; you'll make friends that care about you for you and teachers who challenge you intellectually and give you fundamental skills for success in high school.**

The challenge is worth it...The program is splendid and definitely an opportunity you don't want to miss out on!

**The academy will open doors for your future. You will have a new, positive outlook on your future.**

THE GT ACADEMY GIVES UNIQUE LEARNING OPPORTUNITIES AND AMAZING TEACHERS YOU WON'T FIND ANYWHERE ELSE! IT IS REALLY WORTH IT TO GO!

**The G/T academy is where you meet people who are like you and is definitely an experience you don't want to miss out on.**

It was such a great experience and I have made friends from all over the district and that would not have been possible without the GTA. I am so thankful for most of the teachers I was blessed to have. Going into high school, I was much more prepared than students who went to other middle school and it gave me a great advantage. It is a big change but so worth it.

**Looking back on my time at the G/T Academy, I can't help but feel reminiscent. The best part of your youth is memories, and I couldn't think of a better place to create memories than at the Academy.**

Going to the Academy was one of the best decisions in my life. I don't regret going at all even though at first, I was hesitant about the transition into a school where I would barely know anybody. Honestly, within the first week, I had made so many friends and the teachers were all incredibly helpful. Over the years, I became even closer with my teachers, improved my work ethic, and strengthened friendships. I am now in Clements and can say with absolute certainty that the Academy did an AMAZING job preparing us for everything.

I loved the whole experience. It really set me up for success in high school. During my years at the academy I met a bunch of new friends. My favorite thing about the academy is the hands on activities that the students participate in. I also loved how the teacher cared about your success and were willing to help you out. If you decide to go the GT Academy, be prepared for 3 years of fun!

If you are looking for a unique and enlightening educational experience, then the G/T Academy is for you. You won't just receive a more in depth knowledge of the sciences and arts than anyone else your age. The academy teaches you about relationship, cultural awareness, and yourself.

**I was once debating whether I should leave my friends and go to the GT Academy, and deciding to go to the academy was one of the best decisions I ever made. I made so many great friends and got opportunities to do things that I never imagined I would be able to do. The academy prepared me for high school in so many ways, and I am so happy that I went.**

The GT Academy provides the most unique middle school atmosphere the district can offer. I had never before been so challenged, but before the Academy, I had never really felt that I'd learned anything. Attending this school made me look at academics, hard work, and success in a completely different light, because for the first time I was able to really appreciate all the benefits of working hard and doing things right.

The GT Academy really prepares its students for high school. Organization, higher level thinking, and prioritizing are keys to being successful in high school, and the Academy excels at improving these qualities while providing students the positive feedback they need in order to feel challenged, but accomplished.

The opportunity is once in a lifetime. you're only in middle school once. The academy is a challenging and a unique experience. If you were ever bored in elementary school classes, if you ever understood things easily and were later extremely bored with review, or ever felt like you learned nothing new for several days consistently, then this is the place for you. Yes, there will be topics or days that may feel like it is a struggle or maybe frustrating, but in the end, overall, it is an awesome thing to be a part of, and will help you to excel in high school classes like you couldn't have without the academy.

**It's a great place to have a solid foundation for the rest of your academic career. You meet new people who have the same interests as you and who are challenging themselves just as you are everyday. Middle school is a time to both enjoy and learn, and the GT Academy lets you do that.**

I can honestly say my GT Academy years were the three best ones of my life, and the memories will definitely last a lifetime. The amazing friendships and bonds I've created at Quail Valley only grow stronger each day, and I still keep in touch with my best friends from the academy. It's great to meet and befriend people who are on par with your intelligence level and it's good to know you're not entering a scary new stage of your life alone. At first, I have to say I too was reluctant to go here and leave my elementary buddies behind, but I can tell you now, my decision to go to the GT Academy was probably one of the best decisions of my life. You'll love it here. Your teachers love you, your peers love you, and to top it all off you get to go on more field trips than any other middle school kids across FBISD. QV also offers a variety of clubs that offer state-of-the-art coaching and opportunities that are sure to hold something for everyone. To sum it all up, my GT Academy experience was simply amazing. Go Raiders! :D

I personally think that the best choice you will ever make for middle school education is to come to Quail Valley GT Academy. I was prepared, challenged and I loved the hands on activities we participated in. I think you can definitely see a difference between the GT Academy students and other middle schoolers since we were exposed to unique activities which we could apply to the real world such as future problem solving and hands on field trips. I truly miss the experience I had at the academy but those three years of my life are ones that I will cherish forever! :)

Going to the GT academy is one of the best decisions you could possibly make. The staff and school in general will give you so many tools to put you on the right path in the future. Whether you're a mathlete, a foreign language lover, a science geek, or an English enthusiast, the academy has something for you and will give you so many skills and most importantly memories that you will carry with you your entire life. I don't know where I would have been in my educational career had I not come to the academy, and I definitely feel that high school is easier because of the GT Academy. If you're worried about making friends, don't worry! I only knew 1 person when I came in 6th grade and ended up knowing everyone in my grade and forming friendships that continue to last. I am even an officer for my high school academy with one of my best friends from the GT Academy, and I keep in touch with most of my former classmates.