

## Helpful Links:

FBISD TPSP Webpage: [www.fortbendisd.com/TPSP](http://www.fortbendisd.com/TPSP)

GT Referral Webpage: [www.gt.fortbendisd.com](http://www.gt.fortbendisd.com)

FBISD GT Webpage: [www.fortbendisd.com/GT](http://www.fortbendisd.com/GT)

## Questions and Answers:

**What is the last date for GT Referral?**

September 20, 2023

**Will someone read the questions to kindergarten students? Since many cannot read advanced questions yet? For kindergarten test takers, is there someone to help them with the instructions or are they expected to know each section?**

Yes, students will listen to the instructions and questions.

**What is the process for the GT referral? How can a student be registered for GT? Can I see the website to sign up?**

Referrers visit the GT app here: [www.gt.fortbendisd.com](http://www.gt.fortbendisd.com). Parents need to log in using their Skyward log in. Once logged in, click on the green “create a new referral” button in the middle of the page.

**How many times can a kid appear in GT testing? My daughter has tested in fall as she joined FBISD in November. Is she will be eligible for spring testing without any charges or not?**

Students can be referred once annually from Kinder-11.

**If identified during the school year, can a student switch into a GT cluster at that time?**

Students begin GT services next school year for the 2024-2025 school year.

**Hello, to whom I should talk/write if I'm getting credential errors at: <https://gt.fortbendisd.com> (GT Fall Testing Referral Form). Who to contact when getting error on referral page? After clicking the link for the GT form, it says my account is locked. Do you have a contact who could resolve this?**

You will need to reach out to the help desk. In the meantime, please reach out to your campus or the GT Department at [GTFBISD@fortbendisd.com](mailto:GTFBISD@fortbendisd.com) to have your referral submitted during the open window. You will want to be able to log in, but if the help desk is delaying we want to be sure your child's referral has been submitted.

**Do we need to register the student every year, even if he's already in GT?**

You do not need to refer your child every year once they are identified for services.

**I have daughter she's 7 years old in first grade. She's in high level can she skip this year?**

Students can only skip grades at elementary by taking and passing the Credit by Exam (CBE) for that grade level. The FBISD CBE website is located here: <https://www.fortbendisd.com/Page/296>

**My daughter is transferring from HISD to FBISD (1st grade) in two weeks and her current teacher has asked for her to get tested. Since she will miss the current window, am I correct in assuming we can get her into the process during the spring?**

If she is not registered in FBISD by the end of September, she will be referred during the spring window. :)

**Are National Norms based on age or grade or combination of age/grade?**

The norms are based on age in years and months.

**Is the GT services qualification based on raw score OR curve based on other student's performance?**

GT services are based on national norms.

**I have submitted a referral online. What is the next step? Do parents have to provide any additional information for testing? I submitted the application what the next step do I have wait until they call?**

Parents will complete an inventory - parents will receive information in filling it out in January (at the latest!)

**Where can I find a list if I registered my child or not?**

You should be able to see their profile in the GT app (the same place you submitted the referral) [www.gt.fortbendisd.com](http://www.gt.fortbendisd.com)

**Will her GT classes transfer to Pre-AP classes in middle school? Is AAC (in middle school courses) the same thing as GT for middle school?**

Yes - GT services are offered in AAC courses in middle school. Advanced Academic Course (AAC) replaces Pre-AP. AP and AAC courses are open to all students.

**How about the current pre K students?**

Pre-K students may not be referred for GT evaluation. Kindergarten services do not begin prior to March 1st of the kindergarten year.

**Is parent's referral enough or should teachers also need to refer the same student for testing?**

Students only need one referral...either parent or teacher.

**My child has been tested for GT in another state and scored in all subjects except one. Will you take that into consideration?**

When you register your child, you will indicate they received services and will submit their test results. That information is used to determine if there is a need here in FBISD.

**Is the login the same information as your Skyward Family Access? I have been trying to login but it's saying incorrect password.**

The login is the same as your Skyward login.

**How she can take the exam?**

Once referred, GT testing happening on each campus.

**When will we get the result of GT testing? Are we able to get the result before March 2024?**

If your child is a Kindergarten, they will be available right before March 1.

**Do student classroom grades impact in any way the committee's decision making for GT services or solely the GT testing results are taken into consideration? Thanks a bunch!**

GT students must maintain passing grades.

**Do kids need to maintain a certain grade to stay in GT program?**

GT students must maintain passing grades.

**Is AAC (in middle school courses) the same thing as GT for middle school? I was a little confused when that was brought up.**

Yes - GT services are offered in AAC courses in middle school.

**If the teacher assessment is not as high because they don't know the student well yet, will this affect getting into GT? If the child scores well on the test but the teacher does not submit a strong inventory, how does that affect the child's chance of being identified as GT? My son has a new teacher who does not know him very well. If she does not score him highly on her assessment, would this affect him getting into GT?**

The teacher inventory is important but rarely keeps a child out. If it does, we encourage parents appeal the placement decision.

**When do the actual testing dates get posted? (or are they posted already) When is the GT testing(date)? It is a big range as to when the GT test will occur. Is it possible to know the specific date range when my child will be tested? The student can be tested on any one of those days? would I know in advance? or I would find out after? How will I be notified when the test is and where is the test conducted?**

Testing happens during a testing "window" and can vary on each campus. GT testing may be administered any school day between October 30 and November 9. Information is available here: <https://www.fortbendisd.com/Page/124587>

**Is a GT designation required for future Pre-AP classes?**

AAC (Pre-AP) courses have open enrollment.

**My son in 1st grade now was tested in Anchorage, Alaska before we moved here in summer. Can he be tested here again? And my daughter in 10th grade now qualified for it in Anchorage years back.**

Your children could be tested again here but could also be considered during a transfer process (in which their paperwork is used to determine if services are needed in FBISD).

**What are the fees associated with testing and retesting?**

There are no fees for initial testing. Retesting fees are shared yearly in January.

**Will there be any cost associated with GT services?**

Not usually. Although sometimes there may be field trip fees associates with GT opportunities.

**In the clustered classes in elementary, are the students taught at their level, or is it one curriculum for everyone in the class?**

It is one curriculum for everyone.

**Where is the GT program? At which school? Is the GT program offered in the child's school campus or a specific campus? Are the GT services provided at their current school, or will they need to change schools?**

GT services are provided on each campus in FBISD.

**There is any preparation before testing? Are there resources available on school website for preparation of GT test? Will we know what our children will be tested on? Is there any material that will help them prep for the test?**

These are not types of tests for which you prep. The test focuses on different ways of thinking and problem solving.

**What if the kid missed the testing at campus - for example sick - will there be make ups?**

Campuses will work with students who may be absent on their testing day.

**Do students take the test in class? Will testing happen in child's class or a different location?**

This varies by campus but students will not leave the campus to test.

**How often does GT meet for Kindergarten? How long are the sessions? How does the clustering of students work in kindergarten? Do they remain in their current class?**

This varies on each campus.

**Will there be any extra classes for GT students?**

GT Services are offered through their core content courses. In addition, there is a GT elective at certain middle schools and the GT Senior Mentorship course offered.

**My kiddo is feeling despondent with the lack of challenge in her classroom. Is there any way for students to do GT level work before the next school year? If my child does not qualify for GT but are not being challenged in their current class, what other options exist so that they continue to grow?**

We always recommend reaching out your child's teacher or school about your child's needs. 😊

**If my child gets accepted into a GT class and later decides it is too much for her, academically and or socially, can she drop the class?**

There is a process for furloughing (taking a break) or exiting the GT program.

**Does GT teaching help to get college admissions easier? Is there any special advantage?**

GT Identification is District-specific so that makes it tricky. Although some colleges may look at it, it is not made easier by the identification.

**Are the tests on the computer? Are the tests provided on campus during school hours? Is the test on the computer?**

Yes.

**I saw somewhere that another chance to refer to GT will be there in the month of Jan 2024 (other than 30-Sep-2023). For an elementary school student being referred in Jan-2024, when the examinations will be held? Can you please share examinations schedule (even tentative dates will be helpful). For kindergarten, can you test in the spring window instead? My son is already enrolled in FBISD.**

The spring identification window is only for students who enroll in FBISD after the Fall window or for students who are identified for services in one area and would like to add another area. You will find an overview of the windows and timelines here: <https://www.fortbendisd.com/Page/124459>

**Hello! I received an email that my daughter was “referred”, but I don’t know by whom or for what subject areas. How do I get more information on that? How do I find out who referred my child if I didn’t do so?**

It may have been her teacher from last year. We ask teachers to provide referrals for the fall based on their observations from the previous year.

**Once you submit the referral will you get a confirmation email? I had submitted it when the window opened but never received a confirmation. I get all district emails but have not received a confirmation notification from the GT referral link. Is the notification real time or will we receive emails on a later date and time? Do we get any acknowledgement once referred is form is submitted online? I did not get any response after submission.**

Yes. A confirmation e-mail is sent immediately following the referral submission to the F1G1 (first e-mail address) in Skyward. You can also confirm the referral by logging back into the app. You will see the referral has been submitted there.

**Can parents request that their child be placed with a GT-certified teacher without being tested?**

Students who are identified for GT-services must be placed with a GT-Trained teacher.

**Is the Texas Performance Standards Project intended to be completed at home?**

The TPSP is intended to be completed at school.

**Will there be a separate GT teacher or will the current homeroom teacher be teaching the GT materials? Are the GT teachers for elementary the same current teachers in the same classroom? Or are these different teachers?**

Teachers who have GT students in their classroom are GT-Trained. We do not have a pull-out program.

**I just read there is no pull out program. So students do not go to a separate classroom for like 45 minutes to do accelerated work? It’s done in the classroom?**

Correct. Services are provided in the classroom.

**Will someone contact me for parent inventory? Any guidance on completing the parent inventory? Where do I complete parent inventory? Please inform details of parent inventory?**

Parents will receive information about in filling out the Parent Inventory in January (at the latest!)

Cluster grouping is an instructional model so that is how the students are assigned to their classroom.

**Are there fixed number of GT seats for each grade?**

No - if a child is identified for services they will receive them.

**For 6th grade is GT services different from GT Academy at Quail valley?**

The GTA is a thematic problem-based curriculum. You will find additional information on the GTA here: <https://www.fortbendisd.com/Domain/2405>

**Is any other score considered for GT program other than Cogat test score and parent/teacher rating scale? How is it determined if the student gets GT services for one or more of these services: math, science, era, ss? Do student classroom grades impact in any way the committee's decision making for GT services or solely the GT testing results are taken into consideration? Thanks a bunch! Are any other school/test scores considered for GT consideration other than the Cogat test and parent/teacher rating?**

CoGAT test scores and parent/teacher inventories are the measures used by FBISD.

**Just to clarify the GT sessions will be held by the student's home room teacher?**

GT services/ sessions are provided by the classroom teacher in the content (Math, Science, ELA, or Social Studies).

**If my son qualified for GT after evaluation what will be the next steps to it?**

No real next steps on your part. If he is identified for services next year he will be scheduled into a classroom with a GT-Trained teacher in the Fall of 2024.

**If eligible in elementary, will it be valid in middle and high school?**

Yes. Once identified for services, students receive GT-Services through graduation unless the child exits the program.

**If you feel your child is GT math/science, do you still test for English/Social Studies?**

Yes. The tests all areas.

**Is there any form to fill out for the teacher for referral? Teacher referral form is submitted by the current grade level teacher or parents can choose the teacher?**

We will request the student's current teacher to complete the teacher inventory for the content area they teach.

**What is the difference between GT curriculum and non-GT curriculum. Is it more advanced or challenging or new topics? How does the syllabus for GT curriculum differ from that of non-GT ?**

It could be any of these depending on the grade-level, content, and student mastery level.

**Do all the students in the classroom do the same GT work even if there are non-GT students? Since it's clustered? How this clustering work? My son is not GT but his friend is and they are in same class in first grade. Is it always a separate class or it could be a group in the same class? If my kid gets selected for GT then he will study in the same class and school?**

The majority of our elementary classrooms use flexible grouping - that allows different groups to work on different variations of the same content.

**If your child tests but isn't identified as GT, is there an appeals process?**

Yes. You can find additional information on the appeals process at the bottom of this page:  
<https://www.fortbendisd.com/Page/124587>

**My son is already in GT for Math and Science, do I need to refer him again for English & Social Studies? The site doesn't let me refer him again.**

You do not need to refer him again. If you would like him to be considered for services in ELA/SS. You would need to refer him during the spring referral window. There is information here:  
<https://www.fortbendisd.com/Page/124594>