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GT WORK STREAMS UPDATE

The GT Work Streams research, recommend, inform, and suggest best practices for growing and strengthening the FBISD GT Program aligned to a five-year plan. Work Stream membership includes parents, students, administrators, GT Department members, District executive leadership, and community members.

During the second quarter of 2024, the The GT Work Streams -- **Communications, GT Credentialing, Secondary Services Review, Student Identification/Program Expansion, and Professional Development** -- met to finalize their work for the 2023-24 school year and determine next steps for the 2024-25 school year.

Communications -- The Communications Work Stream developed and deployed new Vistas messaging for parents at Title I elementary school campuses to help them gain a strong understanding of their child's placement in the program and the benefits of their child's participation in the program. The Communications Work Stream also developed a draft for a new GT-Teacher Newsletter with plans to launch this monthly publication in August 2024.

GT Credentialing -- The Credentialing Work Stream is collaborating with technology services to define the next steps and tasks required for integration across various district platforms. In the third quarter meetings, the focus will be on testing and assessing the success of the integration between district software platforms.

Secondary Services Review-- The Secondary Service Review Work Stream submitted requested documentation that will be used for the annual GT Program Evaluation. We are currently awaiting the findings from the GT Program Evaluation to determine key focus areas for the 2024-25 school year.

Student Identification/Program Expansion -- The Student Identification/Program Expansion (SIPE) Work Stream began discussing additional GT programming areas of service. Additional stakeholders from Fine Arts were identified and invited to serve on the work stream in Fall 2024.

Professional Development -- The Professional Learning Work Stream finalized Professional Development plans for the summer. This included a strategic approach to building teacher capacity in utilizing online resources in Depth and Complexity, building teacher understanding of advanced projects, and equipping teachers to integrate the Howard Gardner's philosophy of Five Minds into their instructional practice.

PARENT ADVISORY COMMITTEE (PAC)

The members of the GT PAC are committed to ensuring that school policies and programs benefit all students, including gifted learners. The parent representatives serve as liaisons between the GT PAC and their school community, sharing Gifted and Talented programming news with their school communities and providing feedback to the committee from their school communities.

The GT PAC is currently recruiting new committee members for the 2024-25 school year. In addition, a new GT PAC President was named for the 2024-25 school year. Mr. Luke Parkitny will serve as the GT PAC President.

The GT PAC will be hosting several events for gifted students in 2024-25. The event schedule will be shared with GT parents once all details are finalized.

PILOTS AND PROGRAMMING

It is the goal of the Gifted and Talented Department in Fort Bend ISD to continue to develop innovative programming based on current research. As programming is developed, it is "piloted" at different grade levels and campuses in order to collect feedback prior to launching the initiative District-wide.

The 2023-2024 pilot program continues to be Innovation Hour, and in 2023-24 the GT Learning Plan is moving to year two of its district-wide implementation.

Innovation Hour

Innovation Hour Campuses for 23-24

Arizona Fleming Elementary

Blue Ridge - Briargate Elementary

Colony Meadows Elementary

Cornerstone Elementary

*Commonwealth Elementary

*Dulles Elementary

Goodman Elementary

Lantern Lane Elementary

Lexington Creek Elementary

Madden Elementary

Malala Elementary

Meadows Elementary

*Oakland Elementary

Palmer Elementary

Patterson Elementary

*Rosa Parks Elementary

Settlers Way Elementary

*Sullivan Elementary

Walker Station Elementary

Garcia Middle School

Sartartia Middle School

*Denotes campuses piloting during the 2023-2024 school year

We are excited about seeing Innovation Hour in action across the district. The GT department has met with campus leaders and administrators throughout Fort Bend ISD to provide professional learning to build teacher and administrator capacity around Innovation Hour.

Innovation Hour Year in Review – The 23-24 academic year saw an increase in campuses joining Innovation Hour. All of these campuses are committed to empowering students to develop their natural curiosity and create advanced projects that focus on their individual passions. We look forward to continuing to work with these campuses and increasing the impact Innovation Hour has on students across Fort Bend ISD.

GT Learning Plan

At the end-of-year review for the GT Learning Plan, students and teachers reflected on the goal achievement process. The GT Learning Plan will be implemented through 11th grade and optional for 12th grade in the 2024-2025 school year.