

EISD Kindergarten Gifted & Talented Parent Information Meeting

Assessment Information for
2018-2019

November 5, 2018

Agenda:

- ❑ Overview of the GT Program
- ❑ GT Assessment Process

Gifted & Talented Staff in Eanes ISD

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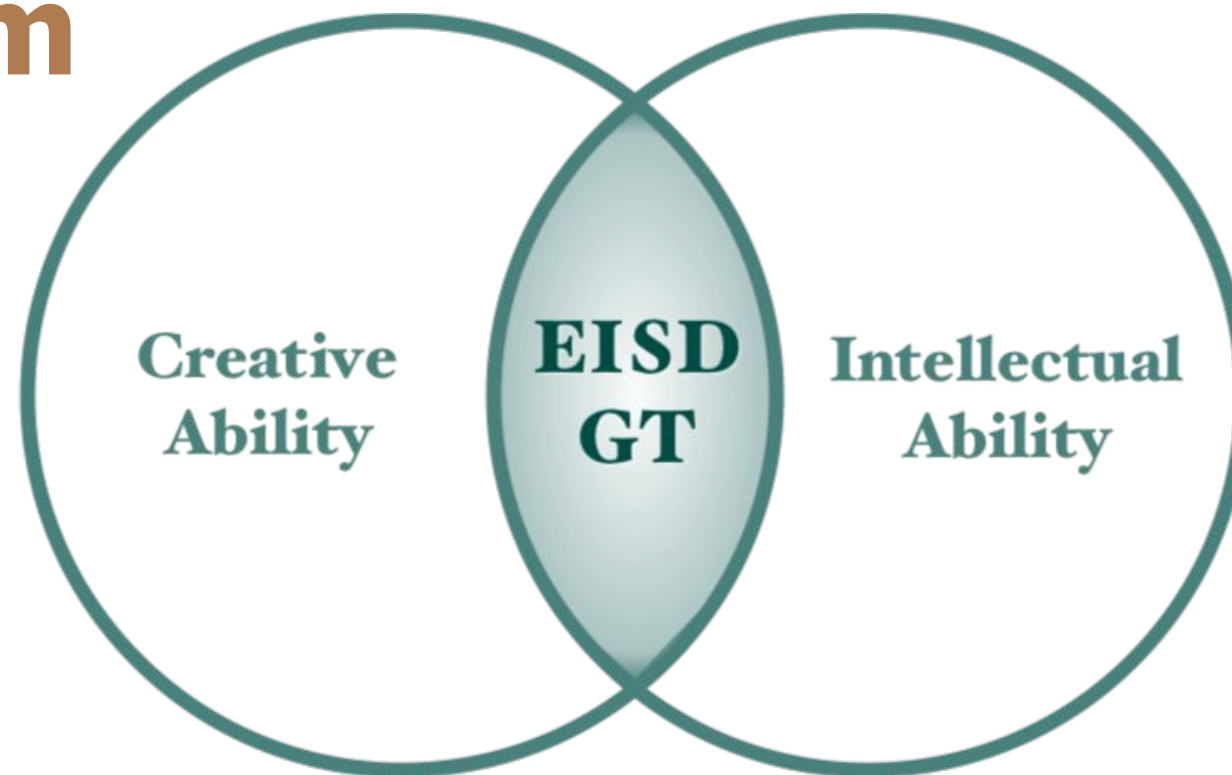
Texas State Plan of Gifted and Talented Students

A gifted and talented student means “a child or youth who performs at or shows the **potential** for performing at a remarkably high level of accomplishment when compared to others of the same age, experience, or environment and who:

- (1) exhibits high performance capability in an **intellectual, creative, or artistic** area;
- (2) possesses an unusual capacity for **leadership**; or
- (3) excels in a **specific academic field.**”

Texas Education Code

Eanes ISD Gifted and Talented Program



The EISD GT program serves students who have potential in **both** intellectual and creative abilities.

How are GT Students Served in Eanes ISD?

- The gifted program incorporates core content areas of science, social studies, math, and language arts within interdisciplinary units of study in the elementary and middle school pull out programs.
- In high school, students are provided with multiple opportunities through academics (Pre-AP and AP courses), Fine Arts, Engineering, Independent Study Mentorship Program, Robotics, and other programs.

Key Elements of Eanes ISD GT Program:

- Critical & creative thinking experiences
- Explore topics in-depth and work at a faster pace than in the regular classroom
- Discuss social/emotional issues as needed

DESIGN THINKING



TEAM BUILDING



COOPERATION



STRATEGY GAMES

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2018-19 Assessment Process Timeline for Kindergarten

- November 5th - December 14th: Consent to Assess Online Form available
- January/February: Intellectual Ability Assessment & Creativity Prompts for Kindergarten
- January 15th: Parent SIGS Forms Due (Will be sent home)
- March 1st: Letters mailed with Assessment Results
- March: Students who qualify begin receiving GT services
- April: Appeal Process

Consent to Assess Form

Click [HERE](#) to complete the online Consent to Assess Form

AVAILABLE
TODAY

The screenshot shows a web browser window with a teal header bar. The browser's address bar displays a back arrow, the text "2018 Eanes ISD GT Consent for Assessment for Kindergarten", a paint palette icon, a right-pointing arrow, and a three-dot menu icon. Below the header, the form has two tabs: "QUESTIONS" (active) and "RESPONSES". The main content area is titled "Eanes ISD GT Consent for Kindergarten Assessment" in a large, bold, black font. Below the title, there is a paragraph of text: "The focus of the Eanes ISD GT Program is to serve students who have instructional needs due to exceptional intellectual and creative abilities. Assessment takes place once a year for Kindergarten students beginning in January." This is followed by another paragraph: "Deadline for Completion/Submission: This form must be submitted by December 14, 2018 (by Midnight)." Below these paragraphs, there are two required text input fields. The first is labeled "Student's First Name *" and the second is labeled "Student's Last Name *". Each label is followed by a light gray placeholder text "Short answer text" and a dotted line indicating the input area.

← 2018 Eanes ISD GT Consent for Assessment for Kindergarten

QUESTIONS RESPONSES

Eanes ISD GT Consent for Kindergarten Assessment

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Short answer text

Student's Last Name *

Short answer text

SIGS: Scales for Identifying Gifted Students

The SIGS form is completed by teachers and parents, who have the most knowledge of the student's behavior or the greatest opportunity to observe him or her. The teacher & parent forms are similar but different. There are seven scales:

- **Intellectual Ability**
- Academic Skills (4 core subject areas)
- **Creativity**
- Leadership

Sent home
January 10th

Due
January 16th


Eanes ISD focuses on the **Intellectual** and **Creativity** scales. The scores are averaged between the parent and teacher.

The image shows a sample of the SIGS (Scales for Identifying Gifted Students) form. At the top, it has the title 'SIGS Scales for Identifying Gifted Students' and a logo with the text 'School Rating Scales'. Below the title, there are fields for 'Student's Name', 'Date of Birth', 'Age in Years', 'Grade', 'Teacher's Name', and 'School Name'. To the right, there is a 'Checklist' section with seven items: 'General Intellectual Ability', 'Language Arts', 'Mathematics', 'Science', 'Social Studies', 'Creativity', and 'Leadership'. Each item has a checkbox. Below the checklist, there is a 'Summary of Scores' table with columns for 'Teacher's Score', 'Parent's Score', and 'Average Score'. The table has rows for each of the seven scales. To the right of the table, there is a 'Directions' section with instructions on how to use the form. At the bottom, there is a 'Notes' section.

Assessment

- Ability Assessment:
 - pulled four separate times (practice test & three test sessions)
- Creativity Assessment:
 - pulled five separate times

Profile Sheet with Assessment Results

 EANES ISD AUSTIN, TEXAS		Eanes Independent School District Gifted and Talented Program Grades K-5 Student Profile		
Student Information				
Student Name: Jenny Smith			ID Number: 38745	
Gender: F	Assessment Date: 2017		Date of Birth: 2/6/2011	
Grade: K	Teacher: Jones		Special Services: No	
School: Cedar Creek Elementary				
Assessment Information				
Measure	Average	Above Average	Superior	Very Superior
Ability Test : Ability Index 134	84-115	≥ 116	134 ≥ 132	≥ 148
Measure	Possible Points Qualifies if student earns ≥ 3 points			
Portfolio: K-5 5 Creative Prompts	Received 3 out of 5 possible points. Meets Requirement: YES			
Additional Information				
SIGS: Intellectual Teacher: 120 Parent: 130 Average: 125				
SIGS: Creativity Teacher: 132 Parent: 126 Average: 129		Other Info:		
Recommendation				
Recommendation of Campus GT Committee: YES Date: October 2017				

Next Steps:

- Complete the [Consent to Assess Online Form](#)
- Form available November 5th - December 14th
- Consent form must be completed by **December 14th** (*Consent to Assess Forms will not be accepted after this date*)
- Online Consent to Assess Form can be found on district and campus websites

Decisions ... Is it the right time to assess your child?

- Time commitment - nine separate testing sessions
- Focus & Rigor - ability to pay close attention for sustained periods
- Are they Bright or Gifted?

A High Achiever ...	A Gifted Learner ...	A Creative Thinker ...
Is interested	Is curious	Wonders
Memorizes well	Guesses and infers well	Creates and brainstorms well
Performs at the top of the group	Is beyond the group	Is in own group
Works hard to achieve	Knows without working hard	Plays with ideas and concepts
Remembers the answers	Poses unforeseen questions	Sees exceptions

A High Achiever ...	A Gifted Learner ...	A Creative Thinker ...
Comprehends at a high level	Comprehends in-depth, complex ideas.	Overflows with ideas--many of which will never be developed.
Understands complex, abstract humor.	Creates complex, abstract humor.	Relishes wild, off-the-wall humor.
Completes assignments on time.	Initiates projects and extensions of assignments.	Initiates more projects that will ever be completed.

Questions?

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