



Referral Process

Students in 1st-5th grade can be referred for gifted and talented screening at any time beginning August 23, 2016 and ending April 13, 2017. A referral may be initiated by parents, school staff, or the student. Referral packets are available at each campus or provided through the links on this page. In order for a referral packet to be complete, it must include:

- Nomination form, including parental permission for testing
- Parent Inventory
- Teacher Inventory
- Student Work

Once the referral packet has been received, arrangements will be made for testing at the student's home campus. This process can take several weeks.

Selection Process

A student profile is used to identify those students who perform, or show the potential of performing, at remarkably high levels of accomplishment for their age, peers, experience, or environment. A combination of quantitative and qualitative data are used during the screening process. These measures include:

- Nonverbal ability test
- Reading, language, and math achievement test (1-3)
- ELA, Social Studies, Math, and Science achievement test (4-5)
- Parent Inventory
- Teacher Inventory
- Student Work

Once all data is received, a district selection committee will review and determine eligibility. Parents will be notified in writing of the selection committee's decision. Parents of all screened students may request a conference to examine their child's assessment results. Requests should be made through the Advanced Academics Coordinator.

Appeal

A parent or student may appeal any final decision of the selection committee regarding selection for or removal from the gifted program. Appeals shall be made in written form to the Advanced Academics Coordinator. The appeal should be made within 10 business days of receipt of the selection letter.

Transfer Students

If a transfer student has been previously identified as gifted and talented in another school district, they may be eligible to participate in the GATE program. Once student records are received from the previous district, the Advanced Academics selection committee will review and determine eligibility. If a student's records do not meet Temple ISD's requirements, they may be referred for further testing.