

Katy ISD Gifted and Talented Parent Checklist Information for Parents

Submitting the Gifted and Talented *Parent Checklist* during the appropriate screening window is the first step in the screening process for the Katy ISD Gifted and Talented Program. Parents seeking gifted and talented screening for their child should complete the *Parent Checklist* and **return a hard copy to the counseling office** at their child's campus **by the deadline indicated for each grade level**. If the *Parent Checklist* is received after the due date for the current year screening window, the student will not be screened until the following school year.

Please note the following general information regarding the Parent Checklist:

- The Texas Education Agency requires school districts to collect multiple measures in the identification of students for gifted programs. The *Parent Checklist* is one of these measures.
- Returning the completed *Parent Checklist* authorizes the school district to collect additional information about your child's learning, including the administration of standardized tests, and to serve your child in the program if your child is identified.
- Read the directions on the *Parent Checklist* carefully and answer each question as fairly as you can. Note that giving a score of "3" or "4" requires you to provide specific examples; otherwise a score of "2" will be given.
- Make sure you complete the appropriate *Parent Checklist* for your child's grade level.

Also note the following grade-specific information:

Kindergarten: Submission Deadline – October 14, 2011

- ***Kindergarten Challenge Program Parent Checklists*** may be turned in to the campus counselor between September 19 and October 14, 2011. ***Kindergarten Parent Checklists will NOT be accepted after October 14, 2011.***
- Only kindergarten students whose parents have returned the *Parent Checklist* by October 14, 2011 will be screened this school year. The next opportunity for gifted and talented screening will be in December of the first grade year for service to begin in second grade.
- Placement decisions will be mailed to parents in late February.
- The gifted and talented program for identified kindergarten students ("Challenge") will begin by March 1st. The program consists of 60 minutes a week of service in a pull-out program in the Challenge classroom.
- Students identified in kindergarten will continue into the elementary Challenge program in first grade. The kindergarten program provides an introduction to the elementary GT program, which consists of one full day per week in the Challenge classroom.

Grades 1 – 4: Submission Deadline – December 14, 2011

- *Parent Checklists* for GT screening may be turned in to the campus counselor between November 22, 2011 and December 14, 2011. ***Elementary Parent Checklists will NOT be accepted after December 14, 2011.***
- Placement decisions will be mailed to parents in late May. Students who are identified for the program will begin service the following fall semester.

Grade 5: Submission Deadline – September 28, 2011

- Grade 5 screening identifies children for the subject-specific secondary program, with service beginning in grade 6. Parents of students in grade 5 should complete the ***Secondary Challenge Program Parent Checklist*** and return by September 28, 2011. ***Parent Checklists for screening of students in grade 5 will NOT be accepted after September 28, 2011.***
- Indicate on the Checklist the specific content area(s) for which you request screening for your child. Students may be screened and served in one, two, three, or all four content areas.
- Placement decisions will be mailed to parents in January. Students who are identified for the program will begin service in fall of 6th grade.

Grades 6 – 11: Submission Deadline – January 13, 2012

- *Secondary Parent Checklists* may be returned to the campus counselor between November 28, 2011 and January 13, 2012. ***Parent Checklists for GT screening of students in grades 6 – 11 will NOT be accepted after January 13, 2012.***
- Indicate on the checklist the specific content area(s) for which you request screening for your child. Students may be screened and served in one, two, three, or all four content areas.
- Placement decisions for students in grades 6 – 11 will be mailed to parents in early May. Students who are identified for the program will begin service the following fall semester.