



# **February 2025**

## **Parent Office Hour**

# Gifted and Talented Department

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# Agenda

**Secondary GT Program  
Course Selection  
Programs  
Questions**



# Monthly Newsletter

**“Gifted”**

[https://secure.smores.com/n/9spz3\\_gifted](https://secure.smores.com/n/9spz3_gifted)

It will be sent monthly/usually the second or third Monday of the month

Monthly Virtual Parent Sessions

Recommended Updates: Study Skills, Organizational Tips etc.

Future offerings may focus on Jr. High and High School topics.



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# **GT Program**



- Gifted and Talented Facilitator
- Growth Plans
- GT Screening
- Campus Resource
- Course Verification
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# GT Benefits

- Campus Gifted and Talented Facilitator
- Teachers with additional training

- 30 hours of Core GT training

- 6-hour yearly update training

- Grouped in classes with a cluster of other GT students

# GT Info

**Students may be gifted in one or all core areas:**

Language Arts

Math

Science

Social Studies

If you are interested in your child being screened for additional areas, information about 2025-2026 screening will be released in August/September 2025

There are not any preparation tips required in order to screen for Gifted and Talented.



# Gifted and Talented Screening

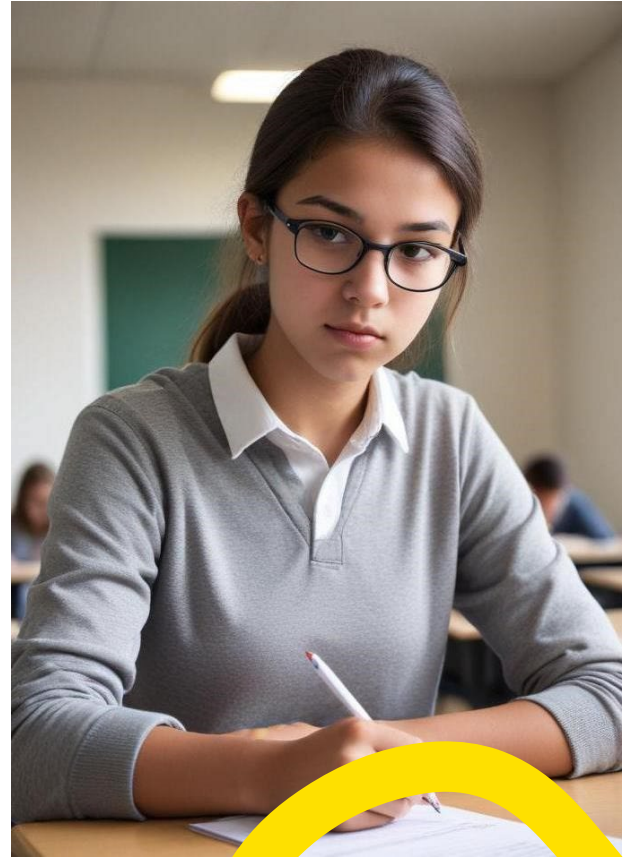
## 2024-2025 Screening Process

**Phase 1-Parent Checklist, Classroom Observation and Standardized Ability Test**

**Phase 2-Achievement Tests**

**Phase 3-Intelligence Measure**

**Dates for 2025-2026 have not been released yet.**



# GT Info

Once your child is GT, there is no need to retest if the student remains in the Katy ISD school district.

Exceptions: Furlough and Exit

# Exit Criteria for GT Classes

A student may permanently exit the program at parent's request. Exit decisions may come from the GT Campus Selection Committee. The criteria outlined in the secondary GT exit procedure allow a student the opportunity to be put on review status while working through a contract to achieve success in the program -Growth Plan.

The Campus Selection Committee will consider multiple criteria when determining the need for an exit.

Students who self-select out of GT course options at any time will be exited from that subject area.

Furloughs due to schedule conflicts will be considered for a maximum of one year per subject area.



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# **Course Selection**

# GT Info

Students in Gifted and Talented are expected to choose KAP (Katy Academic Program), Dual Credit, or Advanced Placement courses in their area of giftedness. (They may choose more!)

NEW: Incoming 9<sup>th</sup> grade and 10<sup>th</sup> grade students may take World Geography KAP and/or World History KAP over the summer and NOT be exited from the Gifted and Talented program.

# GT Info

GT students must enroll in an Advanced Placement level course for the 2025-2026 fall and spring semesters

Please note that World Geography KAP GT and World History KAP GT are ONLY an option over the summer. AP Human Geography or World History AP are the expected placement for GT students during the school year.

# Reminder

Students may not take both AP Human Geography (2 semesters/1 credit course) and World Geography Academic or World Geography KAP

Students may not earn credit for both the AP Human Geography (0347/0348) and AP Human Geography (0345). **Note:** One course is a two semester course and the other course is a semester course.

Tuition Based Virtual Courses:  
<https://www.katyisd.org/Page/4981>

# Course Selection Resources

Counselors are currently working through the course selection process.

Please compile your specific questions regarding course offerings and make sure your student asks during their course selection meetings.



# Course Selection Resources

Katy ISD Course Catalog:<https://app.schoolinks.com/course/catalog/katy-isd/overview>

Katy ISD Academic Counseling, College and Career  
Guidance Webpage:<https://www.katyisd.org/Page/10675>

Dual Credit Information:<https://www.katyisd.org/Page/4408>

# Additional Resources

## **Advanced Placement:**

<https://apstudents.collegeboard.org/getting-credit-placement/search-policies>

## **Texas Common Course Numbering System:**

<https://tccns.org/>

## **Katy ISD Career and Technical Education:**

<https://www.katyisd.org/domain/3805>

# Dual Credit Conversion Chart

Course Letter Grade	Grade	Katy ISD Grade
A	90-100	95
B	80-89	85
C	70-79	77
D	60-69	72
F	59 and Below	65

# Grade Point Average

	(90-100) A	(80-89) B	(70-79) C	(69-Below) F
KAP/AP Courses*	5	4	3	0
Dual Credit Courses	4.5	3.5	2.5	0
Academic Core and Elective Courses	4	3	2	0
Fundamental/Applied Courses	3	2	1	0

# Grade Point Average

Only High School Credit courses count in your child's Grade Point Average-GPA.

Beginning with the Class of 2029, junior high Algebra 1 will not factor into the student's GPA (Grade Point Average) if the student successfully completes 4 additional credits of high school math.



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# **Scholarships**

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SchoolLinks/ Monthly Newsletter

[TAGT](#)-Texas Association for the Gifted and Talented

[Davidson Institute](#)

[College Board Scholarships](#)

[College Board Scholarship Search](#)



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# **Additional Questions**



# Curriculum Search

## **Jr High:**

<https://katyisd.instructure.com/courses/46407/pages/junior-high-home-page>

## **High School:**

<https://katyisd.instructure.com/courses/46575/pages/high-school-home-page>

# Question

**If my child is getting between 80-90% in some KAP/GT subjects, does that mean he is at risk of losing GT eligibility?**

**Will there be a GT gathering of any sort of organized outing this second semester?**

# Credit by Exam

**Website:**

**Credit is on a 4.0 scale.**

**Frequently Asked Questions**

<https://www.katyisd.org/Page/4264>



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# **Future Topics**

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GT Student and Parent Organizations

GT Programming outside of KISD (Baylor TIP)

Science Olympiad, School Clubs

Volunteering Opportunities

Balancing Workload

How Colleges view GT Students  
Does it help being in GT?

Summer Internships

Book Study



