

Austin ISD GT Parent Manual

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GT Referral and Screening Process

All schools offer Gifted and Talented screening in grades K-12 based on referrals submitted to the Campus GT Advocate.

Add a section on 2nd grade screener here?

Students may be identified in one or more of the following areas:

- GT STEM (science and mathematics),
- GT Humanities (language arts and social studies),
- Talent Explore STEM (science and mathematics), or
- Talent Explore Humanities (language arts and social studies).

Qualitative and quantitative measures are collected. Qualitative measures include a Parent Observation Form, Teacher Observation Form, and a student work sample completed at school. The quantitative measure is a standardized assessment.

The Parent Observation Form must be completed and signed to provide permission for the student to complete the screening process. The form must be submitted to the Campus GT Advocate during the Student Talent Referral Window. _____ identi

- English
- Spanish
- Arabic
- Vietnamese

Campus GT Decision-making Comm

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GT Transfers

Transferring GT status within Austin ISD

1. Austin ISD students identified as GT or Talent Explore will remain in the program even if they change schools within the district.
2. No additional documentation or action needed.

Returning to Austin ISD after leaving the district

1. The parent/guardian must contact the front office of the school to request the contact information for the campus GT Advocate to have the student reinstated by the district.
2. Additional documentation may be required.

Requesting GT status in Austin ISD from out-of-district

1. Students must be enrolled in Austin ISD. This process is only available to students identified as GT in school outside of Austin ISD.
2. Parents/guardians will complete the **Out-of-District Transfer Review Form**.
3. The campus will request the required student records that document previous GT identification before the review can begin.
4. The student's GT placement decision will be sent to the parent and campus GT Advocate via email after the review of student records is completed.

GT Resources

These resources are designed for parents/guardians and school sta .

(Add updated resources here)

Austin ISD has purchased a site license for the following SENG webinars. Use access code **CP2017** to view webinars.

[Is It a Gift or a Curse? What It Means to Be an Outlier... and What to Do about It!](#)

[Mindfulness: Fostering the Emotional Growth of Children with Advanced Abilities](#)

[Building Resilience in Gifted Children: Fostering a Sense of Autonomy and Confidence](#)

[Stress, Anxiety and Gifted: Coping with Everyday Life](#)

[Strategies for Dealing with Emotional Overexcitabilities](#)

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