

## **BISD Gifted and Talented Referrals 2017**

**The Burleson Independent School District will be accepting referrals for testing for gifted and talented services January 3-January 30, 2017. Gifted & Talented Services are designed to serve the unique educational needs of academically gifted students. These students perform or have the potential to perform at a remarkably high level, beyond the performance of their peers. Approximately 3-5% of the population is gifted.**

Any student in grades 2-11 is eligible for referral. However, only students who meet the district's requirements will qualify for services. We recognize that all children have gifts and talents, but when we refer to "gifted" in an academic context, we are aligning with the federal definition of giftedness which states:

"The term 'gifted and talented,' when used with respect to students, children, or youth, means students, children, or youth who give evidence of high achievement capability in such areas as intellectual, creative, artistic, or leadership capacity, or in specific academic fields, **and who need services or activities not ordinarily provided by the school in order to fully develop those capabilities.**" - ([Read More](#)).

Many students are high achievers but are not by definition "gifted." If you feel your student may be in the intellectual top 3-5% of his/her age group, we encourage you to refer him/her for testing. You may obtain the referral form by contacting your child's campus, or online at [www.burlesonisd.net](http://www.burlesonisd.net).

The deadline for submitting referral paperwork is January 30, 2017. Students who are referred will be pulled from class several times for testing during late February/early March. Tests will be scored during April and May, and the campus GT committees will meet to analyze data and determine whether or not the student meets BISD guidelines for receiving GT services. Parents will be notified through the mail of their child's qualification status the week after school is out for summer. Students who qualify will begin receiving services during the 2017-2018 school year.