**Grades 6-12 Screening for GATE (Gifted and Talented Education) Services**

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Dear Parent or Guardian,

BISD is currently accepting referrals for sixth-twelfth grade students who would like to be screened for GATE (Gifted and Talented Education) services.  BISD gathers multiple measures during the screening process which includes standardized abilities test data and input on observed gifted behaviors from parents and classroom teachers. Additional data may be collected at the request of  the GATE Placement Committee.

At the end of the screening process, the GATE Placement Committee for your child’s campus will meet to review the data collected on your child and determine if that data indicates that GATE services are the most effective way to meet his/her learning needs.   After the GATE Placement Committee meets and makes recommendations for GATE services, you will receive notification through the US mail.

Birdville ISD offers a continuum of GATE services at three levels.  Students are recommended for different levels of GATE services based on the data collected during the screening process.

* **Level I Services**-Students who are recommended for Level I services are **NOT** formally identified GT by Birdville  ISD.  Students who are recommended for Level I services are encouraged to enroll in honors, advanced placement, dual credit, and advanced technical courses.
* **Level II Services**- Students who are recommended for Level II services are formally identified GT by Birdville ISD.  Middle school students who are recommended for Level II services have the opportunity to participate in Honors + courses during their middle school years.  Other Level II services may include periodic pull-out classes, independent study and research, academic competitions, online enrichment courses, and attention to the social and emotional needs of gifted learners.
* **Level III Services**-Students whose data indicate that acceleration may be needed for appropriate growth will be encouraged to complete appropriate Credit by Exam (CBE) testing to accelerate out of certain content.

**If your child already receives GATE services, he/she does NOT need to be referred for screening.**

Please contact the academic coach or dean at your child’s campus for more information.

Sincerely,

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