

# Gifted and Talented Identification Process

## A Guide to Referrals for GT Program Eligibility in Waller ISD

The Texas Education Agency describes a gifted and talented student as one “who performs at or shows the potential for performing at a remarkably high level of accomplishment when compared to others of the same age, experience, or environment and who:

- exhibits performance capability in an intellectual, creative, or artistic area;
- possesses an unusual capacity for leadership;
- or excels in a specific academic field.”

**Parents/Guardians should discuss appropriateness of GT testing referrals with child’s teacher and/or campus Counselor.**

### GT Testing Process

1. Parent/Guardian, teachers, counselor, and administrators may refer a student for GT Testing.
2. Parent/Guardian must obtain, sign, and return the *Parent Referral and Permission for Testing* form.
3. Referred students are then scheduled by campus counselor for abilities testing administered at the campus during school hours on a date set by the campus.
4. Parents/Guardians will be notified in advance of testing dates.
5. Students who score within the gifted range on the test qualify for GT program services.
6. Students take home testing results to parents/guardians.
7. Parent/Guardian signs and returns permission form for student to receive GT services.
8. Students are scheduled into classes with GT-trained teachers.

Referral Period for NEW STUDENT Testing	Referral Period for KINDERGARTEN Testing
September 18 – 29, 2023	December 4 - 15, 2023
Parents/Guardians and teachers can refer students <b>NEW TO WALLER ISD</b> for testing.	Parents/Guardians and teachers can refer students in KINDERGARTEN <b>only</b> for testing.
Parents/Guardians obtain the <i>Parent Referral and Permission to Test</i> form from the campus counselor.	Parents/Guardians obtain the <i>Parent Referral and Permission to Test</i> form from the campus counselor.
Completed forms must be returned to the campus Counselor <b>by September 29, 2023</b> .	Completed forms must be returned to the campus Counselor <b>by December 15, 2023</b> .
Late forms will <b>NOT</b> be honored.	Late forms will <b>NOT</b> be honored.

### Referral Period for CURRENTLY ENROLLED STUDENTS in Grades 1-11 Testing

**March 25 – April 5, 2024**

- Parents/Guardians obtain the *Parent Referral and Permission to Test* form from the child’s campus.
- Completed forms must be returned to the campus Counselor **by April 5, 2024**.
- Late forms will **NOT** be honored.