

September 21, 2021

Dear Parents and Guardians,

HISD students have the chance to be tested for GT identification once per calendar year. *We want to make sure that you are aware there will be only ONE opportunity this year to have your student tested for HISD's Gifted and Talented program services.* HISD GT programs provide a differentiated curriculum by modifying the depth, complexity, and pacing of the general school program in grades K through 12.

If your child is currently in 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup>, or 4<sup>th</sup> grade and **not** already identified as GT and you want your child to be tested for identification, you will need to submit the G/T application to me by Friday, November 5. Please visit our Roberts website for more information on G/T testing.

Applicants will take both online an achievement and abilities test. The achievement test takes anywhere from 3 to 4 hours to complete. The higher the grade level, the longer the testing time. The abilities exam will take up to 50 minutes, including time for instructions. If your child receives Special Education services or has specific needs with respect to testing, please make sure to share this information with Kristina Tran when you submit your application **before your child tests.**

Roberts will conduct testing on the following dates:

Achievement Test – Saturday, December 4, 2021 (more information will go out later)

Abilities Test – Friday, December 3, 2021 (during school day)

Once an application is submitted, parents will receive testing date confirmation.

When the scores are returned, data will be placed into an HISD GT Identification Matrix along with your child's previous year's report card and current teacher recommendation to determine if your child qualifies for services. We will notify parents of their child's GT application outcome in **March 2022**.

Once HISD students are identified, they keep their GT status throughout their tenure as long as the student remains consecutively enrolled in HISD. If you have further questions about GT testing, please feel free to email me at [kristina.tran@houstonisd.org](mailto:kristina.tran@houstonisd.org).

Sincerely,

Kristina Tran  
GT Coordinator