

T. H. Rogers

2024 – 2025 K – 8 Vanguard Program



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*“Where Academics and
Character Matter”*

What to Expect:

- PowerPoint Presentation
- School Tour (*breakout into 2 groups
Elementary and Middle School*)

Magnet vs. Vanguard Magnet

- **Magnet Schools** – specializes in a particular theme (fine arts, health sciences, STEM, etc.).
- **Vanguard Magnet School** – specializes in Gifted and Talented (GT) identified students with accelerated instruction.

TX Education Code 89.3

- Requires all public schools in Texas to provide services to GT identified students.

In HISD

Services are handled one of four ways:

1. **Pull-outs** (*usually elementary*)
2. **Blended** classes (*has both GT and non-GT students*)
3. **Homogeneous** classes (*all GT*)
4. **HISD Advanced** (*Formerly Pre-AP / IB or AP middle and high school*)

What about THR?

- We are a **Vanguard Magnet** with **NO zoned students** *(in HISD SUS Separate & Unique School)*.
- All students K – 8th are GT Identified.
- All core classes are taught by GT Certified Teachers.
- All Middle School core classes *(math, science, English, and social studies)* are HISD Advanced *(formerly labeled Pre-AP level)*.

How do I get in?

To attend THR's Vanguard Program:

- The student must **qualify** as GT (*see handout for further clarity*).
- The student must **apply** to the program.
- The student must **be selected** in the HISD Magnet Lottery.

Why choose THR?

- All GT all the time (students and Teachers)
- Best School that money can't buy
- One stop shop (elementary through middle school covered)
- Recently ranked #7 Middle School in Texas by U.S. News and World Report
- Academically prepared to be extremely competitive in High Schools of Choice

Elementary Curriculum:

- Departmentalized K through 5th Grades
(teachers teach to their passion)
- Four teachers per grade level with a two-way team teach; students rotate between the two classes:
 1. English Language Arts/Reading/Social Studies
 2. Math/ Science

(opportunities for students to experience varied learning styles)

Elementary Homework

You should expect 15 to 75 minutes

... every night ...

Middle School Curriculum

- All Core Classes are HISD Advanced
(formerly called Pre-AP)
- High School Credit (Algebra, Art, Geometry, Fundamentals of Computer Science, IPC, Foreign Language, etc.) *(not automatic must audition or test into)*
- Traditional Block Schedule. Alternate between A & B Days

Middle School Homework

You should expect 1 to 3 hours

... every night ...



THR Prep

- TH Rogers is Advanced in academics and the student work.
- One year ahead.
- Kinder students reading is a great attribute.
- More challenging than a neighborhood GT Program.
- Extreme HW may be from students' incomplete classwork.
- Summer Bridge Activity Books may prove helpful, go up a grade level.

Is it all work?

Elementary:

Art

Chess

Computer

STEM (Project Based Learning)

Music

Orchestra

P.E.

Name That Book

Spelling Bee

Jr. Student Council



Middle School:

Name That Book

Chess

Theater

Exploratory Science

Digital Media

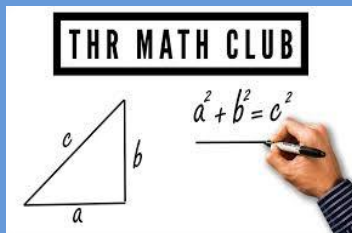
Math Counts/ Math Club

Orchestra

Scholastic Writing

Quiz Bowl

National Juniors Honor Society (NJHS)



Baseball, Volleyball, Swim, Track, Cross Country, and Basketball, Soccer & Cheer

What Makes THR different?

1. All students in our program are labeled GT, all teachers are GT certified!
2. Our Vanguard program is intensely focused on Academics!

What else?

- 540 VG Elementary Students
- 471 VG Middle School Students
- We Do Not have a school uniform
- Very active





T.H. Rogers PTO

Where academics and character matter

2024 - 2025 MONTHLY EVENTS

<p>AUGUST</p> <p>5: PTO BOARD MEETING 9: STAFF BREAKFAST 12: PARENT COFFEE</p> <p>BACK TO SCHOOL</p> 	<p>SEPTEMBER</p> <p>1: BOWLING (6TH GRADE ONLY) 12: PTO MEETING 20: YAY DAY LUNCH</p> 	<p>OCTOBER</p> <p>2: PTO BOARD MEETING 10: PTO MEETING 11: BAT WATCHING 26: GEORGE OBSERVATORY</p> 
<p>NOVEMBER</p> <p>2: FALL CARNIVAL 14: PTO MEETING 20: YAY DAY LUNCH</p> 	<p>DECEMBER</p> <p>12: PTO MEETING TBD: MS ICE SKATING 18: STAFF HOLIDAY BREAKFAST 20: SNOW DAY TBD: PTO BOOKSHOP TBD: HOLIDAY MOVIE NIGHT</p> 	<p>JANUARY</p> <p>16: PTO MEETING</p> 
<p>FEBRUARY</p> <p>7: PTO BOARD MEETING 13: PTO MEETING 21: YAY DAY LUNCH</p> 	<p>MARCH</p> <p>7: WALK N ROLL 20: PTO MEETING TBD: STEAM NIGHT</p> 	<p>APRIL</p> <p>4: PTO BOARD MEETING 4: YAY DAY LUNCH 10: PTO MEETING TBD: SPRING MOVIE NIGHT TBD: MS TOP GOLF</p> 
<p>MAY</p> <p>5-9: TEACHER APPRECIATION WEEK 8: PTO MEETING 9: FAMILY SUPPER TBD: K-2 POOL DAY</p> 	<p>JUNE</p> <p>TBD: 3-5 POOL DAY 5: STAFF BREAKFAST</p> 	<p>SUMMER BREAK</p> 

ALL DATES SUBJECT TO CHANGE. PLEASE CHECK WWW.THROGERS.ORG FOR MOST UP TO DATE INFO.

Elementary Space Available:

88 Spaces for Kindergarten

0 Spaces for 1st, 2nd, 3rd, and 4th grades
(based purely on attrition)

12 Spaces for 5th grade (*currently 88 in 4th
we add 12 more to make it 100 in 5th*).

But if there are no spaces ...

Why do you accept applications?

Because movement happens

(Occasionally, students transfer out, move over the summer)

Middle School Space Available:

50-60 Spaces for 6th Grade

10-15 Spaces for 7th

10-15 spaces for 8th grade

If your student is NOT GT:

By now should have **signed up** for testing
(should be in one of 3 places):

The deadline to request GT testing was September 16, 2024

1. ~~Your student have **been tested**.~~

2. ~~**Testing soon** (by Oct. 15)~~

3. **Waiting on results.**

What about Documents?

Entering Kindergarten:

- Birth Certificate

HISD:

- Email address of Teacher for Recommendation
- End of year Report Card

Non-HISD:

- Report Card
- Teacher Recommendation

This information should have been shared with the school that tested your student!!

How does HISD determine if a student is G/T?

- Teacher Observation
- Report Card
- Test Scores

PoR Warning

You must currently live within the boundaries of the Houston Independent School District when you apply to T. H. Rogers or your application will not be processed.

The Importance of Ranks

- Your child will have an equal chance in all school lotteries to which you apply, and to which they have qualified to attend.
- Ranks are important ***AFTER*** the lotteries have been run.
- Schools are ranked by the order you list them.

Ranks and the Lottery:

Rank	Programs Applied To:	Lottery Outcome:	What Parents See:
Rank 1	School A	Wait Listed	Wait Listed #
Rank 2	School B	Wait Listed	Wait Listed #
Rank 3	School C	Accepted	Accepted
Rank 4	School D	Accepted	** Dropped **
Rank 5	School E	Accepted	** Dropped **

What the Parent will See:

Rank	Programs Applied To:	What Parents See:
Rank 1	School A	Wait List #
Rank 2	School B	Wait List #
Rank 3	School C	Accepted

Your Choice :

Rank	Programs Applied To:	What Parents See:
Rank 1	School A	Wait List #
Rank 2	School B	Wait List #
Rank 3	School C	Accepted

1. Accept the seat at School C.
2. Decline the seat at School C.

You will no longer have accept offers from multiple schools.

To Be Clear ...

- The order of the ranks are the order in which you apply to schools. (First application is Rank 1, second application is Rank 2, and so on).

To be Absolutely Clear ...

- The system defaults to the highest ranked school to which your child both qualified and was accepted.
- Be ***VERY SURE*** you have your schools ranked how you want them by the deadline.

Important Lottery Info:

- The online system runs each magnet school lottery separately.
- What happens in one lottery has absolutely nothing to do with any other school's lottery.
- Sibling preference is given in **Kinder** and **6th Grades only!**

Reminders:

- The ranks will default to the highest accept.
- You will never see what happened in the lottery for lower ranked schools that have dropped off your list.

What are the odds?

- We truly have no idea!
- Every year, “the odds” depends on a few things: How many applicants total? How many qualified as GT? How many spaces we have available for that grade level?

Remember:

In order to attend T. H. Rogers:

- You must **apply** to T. H. Rogers.
- Your student must be **qualified** as GT.
- Your student must be **selected in THR's lottery**.

Our one guarantee:

If you do not apply, you will not get into THR!

The Application

School of Choice

Website:

<https://chooseisd.my.site.com/Apply/SiteLanding>

Phone:

713.556.6947

1 Application per School

- You must fill out an application for each school to which you wish to apply!

Time

- The first application takes 20 to 30 minutes.
- Subsequent applications take about 1 minute.
- Remember: the order is important!
- Do not forget to hit the submit button!!

Honestly ...

You should apply to more than one school, we suggest you apply to 5 schools, the maximum allowed.

Hot Spots:

- **Transportation!**
- **Bilingual / ESL (LEP)** – this is asking if your student is **labeled** 504. If you say yes, you have to provide documentation!
- If your student is *new* to HISD they are more than likely **NOT** labeled!

Hot Spots:

- **Sharing a Lottery Number:** it only applies to twins / triplets / quads / etc.
- **Please Note:** you should only click this if you have twins / triplets / quads / etc. applying and you want them to share a lottery number. *(creating multiple applications can backfire).*

Checking Eligibility

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HOME UPDATE FAMILY PROFILE NEXT STEPS

Welcome to School Choice. Thank you for your interest in our programs.

To apply to a K-12 HISD School Choice program for 2024-2025 school year, please click on the "Apply" button. If you are not being accepted at this time. The PreK window for applications is scheduled to open in the coming weeks.

If you have students new to HISD or who attend HISD and are not listed below, click on the "Add Student" button.

You can update your Family Profile with address and contact information at any time.

Important reminder: The Phase 1 K-12 Application Deadline is February 23, 2024.

My Students

[Redacted]
Take Action
2024-2025 Applications
K-12 Phase 1 ✔ Submitted - Jan 22 👁 View Summary 🏠 N/A
Current School 🏠 Data Unavailable
GT Pre-Qualified? No
Request Administrative Transfer

Next Steps

Please complete all of the next steps for your student(s) listed below. You will receive an email message with the "Wait for Results" message along with the release date for your student(s).

▼ [Redacted]

2024-2025 School Year - Grade K

Phase 1

Rank 1: T H Rogers School: Vanguard (Gifted and Talented)

Status: Eligible

Application Type: Phase 1

Next Steps

✔ Parent Recommendation Submitted: 1/22/2024

There are no next steps for this program at this time.

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Deadlines

APPLICATIONS:	OPEN: December 10, 2024 CLOSE: February 12, 2025
DOCUMENTS:	ASAP!
LOTTERY:	March 2025

Q&A...

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Thank you for your time and
consideration!

From the students, faculty, and staff of T. H. Rogers!

