

## Applying to a Vanguard Program

When applying for Vanguard programs parents must pick the first choice from the options below if the student is already prequalified as GT in both Reading and Math or if they are awaiting results of GT tests from GT testing in Nov/Dec 2023.

### Pre-Qualification Questions

By answering these questions you will help us provide the most appropriate list of schools to choose from based on your student's particular qualifications.

#### Vanguard Gifted and Talented

Has your student been identified as GT? ⓘ

☐ Yes/Pending GT Test Results  
☐ Yes/Pending GT Test Results  
☐ No

If parents pick Yes/Pending GT Test Results, all Vanguard schools will be visible for parents to select and apply. A student's GT Pre-Qualified status will also be visible as Yes or No, see example below.

UAT High School
<a href="#">Take Action</a>
<b>2024-2025 Applications</b>
<b>PK-12 Phase 1</b> ✓ Submitted - Jan 18 <a href="#">View Summary</a> 🏠 N/A
<b>PK-12 Phase 2</b> ✗ Not Started
<b>Current School</b> 🏠 Data Unavailable
<b>Magnet Matrix Score: 80</b> <b>GT Pre-Qualified? No</b>
<a href="#">Request Administrative Transfer</a>

If parents pick no as the response, the Vanguard schools will no longer be visible as an option to select and apply.

GT Results for students tested before December 19, 2023, will be available in the School Choice Application system before Phase 1 closes. GT Results for students who test later will be released after Phase 1 closes and their application status will be Qualified Pending. If they are offered a seat to a Vanguard program in the lottery, it will be conditional on them meeting the Vanguard eligibility criteria.

For students entering kindergarten for the 2024-24 school year, or are currently 5<sup>th</sup> or 8<sup>th</sup> grade who missed Gifted and Talented testing within the Houston Independent School and are applying for Vanguard programs: Please initiate testing for your student by using this [link](#) and submitting your request by February 9, 2024. Please note that test results in this case may or may not be accessible before the closure of the School Choice application Phase 1 window. Please contact the Gifted and Talented office via email if you have any questions at email the address below: [giftedandtalented@houstonisd.org](mailto:giftedandtalented@houstonisd.org)

**Please note that students must be gifted and talented in both Reading and Math to qualify for any Vanguard program in elementary, middle and high school.**

