NISD Gifted & Talented









What makes a student gifted?

Texas State Plan for the Education of Gifted/Talented Students

A gifted/talented student is a child or youth 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 high performance capability in an intellectual, creative, or artistic area;
- possesses an unusual capacity for leadership; or
- excels in a specific academic field. (Texas Education Code §29.121)



NISD GT program aims to...

- Provide instruction designed to meet the unique needs of students with advanced general intellectual ability and/or specific subject matter aptitude
- Provide appropriately differentiated curriculum in efforts to help students work to their fullest potential
- Provide GT services that may include a modified delivery of instruction for students by accelerating and/or providing for greater depth, more complex content, and enrichment activities

"What makes a child gifted and talented may not always be good grades in school, but a different way of learning and looking at the world."

—Chuck Grassley

Six Types of Gifted Students

The Creative

The At-Risk

The Autonomous

The Successful

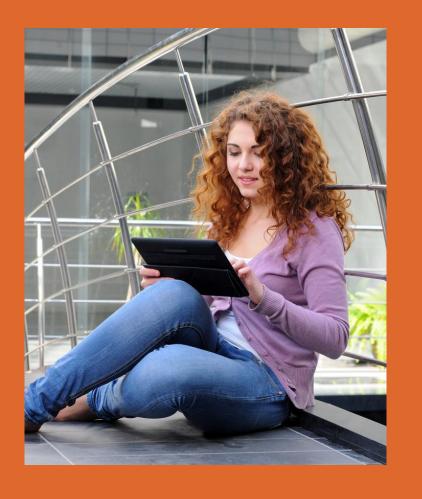
<u>The</u> <u>Underground</u> <u>The</u> <u>Multi-Exceptional</u>



The Successful



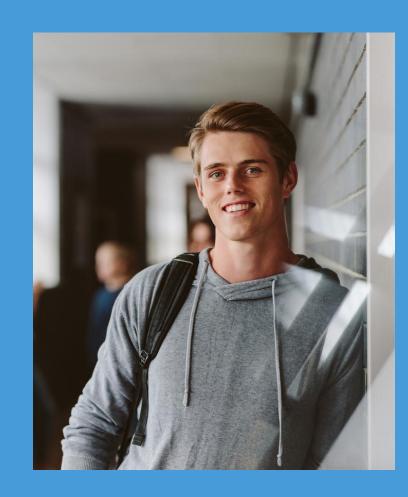
- Most Commonly Identified
- High Achievers
- Accepts & Conforms
- Avoids Risk



The Creative

- Honest & Direct
- Expresses Impulses
- Challenges Teachers
- Non-Conforming
- Highly Creative

The Underground



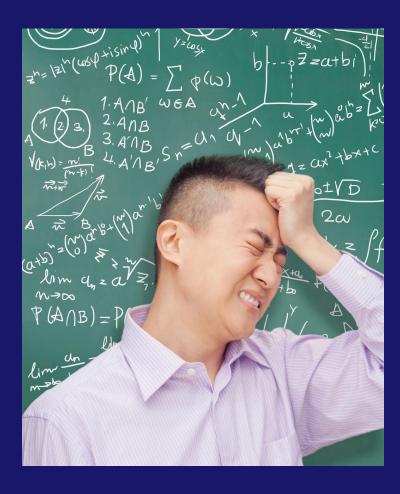
- Denies Talent
- Rejects Challenges
- Does not feel connected to their peers or teachers



The At-Risk

- Pursues Outside Interest
- Thrill Seeking
- Critical of Self & Others
- Frustrated with School

The Multi-Exceptional



- Enjoys Novelty & Complexity
- Disorganized
- Demonstrates Inconsistent Work



The Autonomous

- Sets Goals
- Seeks Challenge
- Self-Directed
- Independent

The Identification Process

Referral

- Parent
- Teacher
- Other

Parent/Teacher

Referral Link

Data Collection

- Educator/ParentChecklist of GTCharacteristics
- Cognitive Abilities Test
- Iowa Achievement Tests
- Torrance Test of Creative Thinking

Student Profile

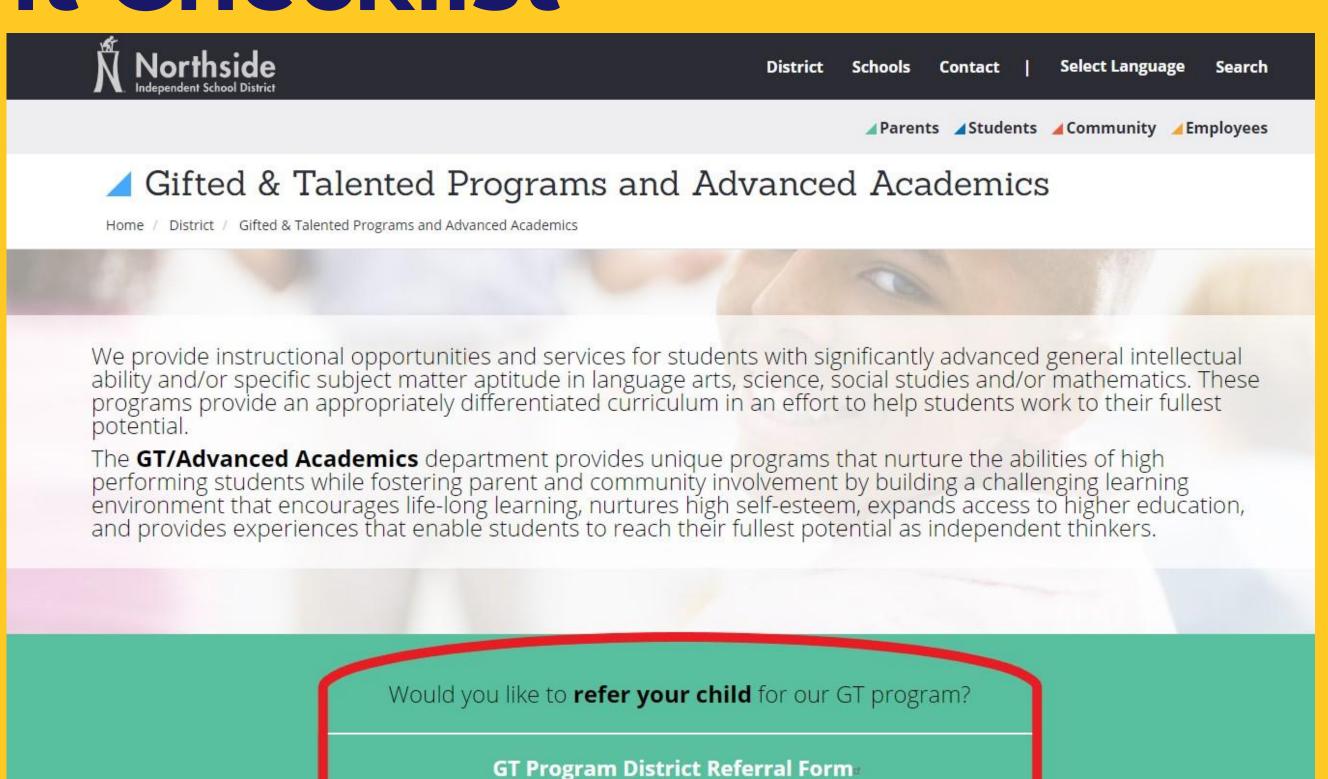
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Campus Selection

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Parent Checklist



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Educator & Parents

IOWA
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Services by Academic Level

Elementary School

- K-2 Program (up to 2 hours per week)
- 3-5 Program (3 hours per week)
- MaC-GT (at select campuses)

Middle School

- Gifted Content Courses
- Middle School Innovative
 Project (MSIP)

High School

- GT Leadership 1
- GT Leadership 2
- Independent Study Mentorship
- Seminars

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Academics
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