

Notice to Parents of Current Cypress-Fairbanks ISD Students: Testing for the Gifted and Talented Program

Cypress-Fairbanks ISD provides Mid-year HORIZONS Testing to current Cypress-Fairbanks ISD students and students who have moved from other districts in Texas including charter schools.

- Students may be referred at any time. Students whose referral is received by the last school day in November will be included in the mid-year testing process.
- Parents interested in having their children screened should contact the elementary campus Counselor or secondary campus Director of Instruction for additional information.
- Students may test for the GT program only once a year. Testing will be administered ONLY if the student has not participated in screening testing during the current school year.
- Parents/guardians will be asked to complete a *Parent Survey and Permission to Test* form.
- Testing typically occurs in January and February during the spring semester. The specific date will be determined by the campus.
- If the student qualifies for HORIZONS, parents/guardians will receive a notification letter of placement/qualification and will be asked to sign a *Parent Permission for Services* form. Once permission is granted and sent to the campus, the student will begin receiving GT services.
- If the student does not qualify, he/she may not be referred again for testing until the mid-year testing cycle of the following school year.

Cypress-Fairbanks ISD provides Mid-year HORIZONS screening for all currently enrolled Cypress-Fairbanks ISD Kindergarten students. The screening process includes multiple quantitative and qualitative measures. Students will be assessed through multiple ability- and content-related teacher rating scales as well as grade level assessment tools.