

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

**Cypress-Fairbanks ISD provides Mid-year HORIZONS (Gifted and Talented) Screening to current Cypress-Fairbanks ISD students and students who have moved from other districts in Texas including charter schools only during the second semester of a given school year. Screening for current CFISD students and transfer students from Texas public schools does not occur during the first semester.**

- Students may be referred for testing at any time during the school year by parents or teachers. Students whose referral is received by the last school day in November will be included in the mid-year screening process.
- Parents desiring to have their elementary child screened should contact the elementary campus counselor. Parents interested in having their secondary child screened should contact the secondary campus Director of Instruction for additional information.
- Parents/guardians of students in grades 1-11 will be asked to complete a *Parent Survey and Permission to Test* form prior to screening.
- Mid-year screening for current students and in-state transfers typically occurs in January and February during the spring semester. The specific date/s is set 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 the following school year for grades 1-11.
- 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 a variety of quantitative and qualitative measures including teacher rating scales that assess gifted attributes and content-related abilities. Kinder students will begin receiving GT services March 1st.**