

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

Cypress-Fairbanks ISD provides Fall testing for HORIZONS - our gifted and talented program - to students in grades 1-11 who have moved from out-of-state schools, private schools, or home schools. (Charter schools are considered as public schools.)

- Parents/guardians interested in having their children screened for GT services should inform the elementary Counselor or the secondary Director of Instruction at the campus.
- Testing will be administered ONLY if the student has not been previously identified by his/her former school.
- Parents/guardians will be asked to complete a *Parent Survey and Permission to Test* form.
- Testing typically occurs in late September-early October. 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 next school year.

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.

Cypress-Fairbanks ISD provides Mid-year HORIZONS screening for all currently enrolled Cypress-Fairbanks ISD Kindergarten students. The screening process includes 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.