

Idalou ISD
Gifted & Talented Program
Comprehensive Program Guide
2020-2021



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Texas Education Agency's Definition of Gifted & Talented

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)

Idalou ISD Goals for Gifted & Talented Students

Idalou ISD Gifted and Talented Students will:

- Study issues, themes, and problems of a discipline of study to create in-depth understanding
- Become creative problem-solvers and use complex thinking skills effectively
- Generate a variety of original products of professional quality through skills and information gained from in-depth study
- Develop a healthy self-concept and sense of pride in accomplishment as it relates to self and others
- Develop leadership skills that will enable these students to become leaders beyond their school days and into the work world

Idalou ISD Gifted & Talented Program Design

The Gifted and Talented program at Idalou for grades K-6 is a pullout program.

Identified students in these grades are served through a pullout program. These students participate in an advanced thematic curriculum designed to allow for in-depth exploration of complex topics and issues that require high-level thinking. In addition to the foundational skills formally introduced, a strong emphasis is placed on further development of self-acceptance, group investigations, research skills, technology applications, leadership development and communication skills. Identified students in Kindergarten through Grade 6 attend the pullout class for one hour each week.

The Gifted and Talented program for Grades 7-12 is embedded within the core content areas and notes as GT/Honors.

7th-8th Grade:

Identified students have the opportunity to enroll in honors core content courses in math, as well as honors 7th Reading and 8th ELAR.

9th-12th Grade:

Identified students have the opportunity to enroll in honors core content courses in the areas of math and English. These courses follow the same state standards as an academic or honors course, but elements of Project or Problem Based Learning are embedded within the course for student products. Identified students in grades 9-12 may also be served through Advanced Placement courses and dual credit courses.

Referral Process

Referral of Students

During the academic school year, all students in grades K-12 will have the opportunity to be referred and tested. Teachers, administrators, and parents may refer students for the Gifted & Talented program in the Idalou Independent School District. The referral process is held annually or as needed for students new to the district. All students referred will be screened for placement.

Referral Windows

Elementary

Kindergarten

Last two weeks in October

Classes will begin March 1 of current school year

Grades 1-4

Two weeks in late November/early December

Classes will begin first month of the following school year

Secondary

Grades 5-12

Two weeks in late November/early December

Classes will begin first month of the following school year