

LEISD GT

Referral Procedures/Gifted Characteristics/Service Models

Family Information
2021/2022

LEISD GT Service Models

- **Kindergarten** - All K students receive a push-in experience several times per year by a GT trained teacher. Referred students are tested for GT services and begin services by March 1st.
- **1st - 4th Grades** - GT identified students are placed in a self contained classroom with other gifted and/or high achieving students and served by a GT trained teacher.
- **5th - 8th Grade** - GT identified students are served by a weekly GT pull-out program as well as Advanced Level Courses by GT trained teachers.
- **9th - 12th Grade** - Independent/Portfolio Model - GT identified students choose a project path to earn credit each year and work alongside the GT teacher throughout the year to fulfill requirements as well as participate in Pre AP or Dual Credit Courses with GT trained teachers.

District GT Referral Procedures

- A student can be referred for GT testing at any time by a teacher, staff member, family member, or community member.
- Referrals must be made to the campus GT counselor in order for necessary paperwork to be sent home with the student.
- Students referred for gifted testing with completed necessary paperwork will be tested at the next district testing opportunity.
- LEISD tests for GT once in the fall (1st 6 weeks) and again in the spring.
- A spring referral window (usually 2 weeks) will be announced district wide and information disseminated to families to inform of the upcoming spring testing opportunity. Referrals after the spring window closes will not be tested until the following school year fall testing opportunity.

Should I Refer my child for GT Testing?

No gifted individual is exactly the same, each with his own unique patterns and traits. There are many traits that gifted individuals have in common, but no gifted learner exhibits traits in every area. The list of traits below may help you better understand whether or not your child may meet the criteria for gifted identification.

Common Traits of Giftedness (click for info)

"Traits of Giftedness | National Association for Gifted Children."

<https://www.nagc.org/resources-publications/resources/my-child-gifted/common-characteristics-gifted-individuals/traits>. Accessed 18 Nov. 2020.

LEISD Gifted and Talented Contacts

**GT related
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GT referrals

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LEE Campus-

**Tanisha Byrdsong - campus GT counselor
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LEMS Campus-

**Lamisha Boyce - campus GT counselor
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LEHS Campus-

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