

Notice to Parents: CFISD Gifted and Talented Program

Cypress-Fairbanks ISD provides testing for HORIZONS, our gifted and talented program, if students are from out-of-state, out of the country, homeschool or private schools.

- If you are interested in the having your student screened, please speak to the counselor (elementary) or the director of instruction (secondary).
- You will be asked to complete a *Parent Survey and Permission to Test* form.
- Testing will take place between August 27th and September 17th. The specific date will be determined by the campus.
- If your student qualifies for HORIZONS, you will receive a notification letter of placement/qualification, and you will be asked to sign a *Parent Permission for Services* form. Once permission is granted, your student will begin receiving services.
- If your student does not qualify, he/she may not be referred for testing again until the *Open Referral Period* during the 2015-16 school year. Cypress-Fairbanks ISD provides testing for HORIZONS at mid-year for current Cypress-Fairbanks ISD students and students from other districts in Texas.
- The *Open Referral Period* is from October 1st through December 5th.
- At that time, if you are interested in having your student screened, contact the counselor (elementary) or the director of instruction (secondary) for additional information.
- Students may test only once a year.

Notice to Parents: Previously Identified Gifted and Talented Students

- If your student has been previously identified as gifted and talented, he/she is eligible to receive services in Cypress-Fairbanks ISD if placement can be verified.
- To verify placement, you must provide a copy of your student's notification of qualification and placement into the gifted and talented program from your former district AND a copy of all test results used in screening.
- If you can provide the required documentation, you will be asked to complete a *Parent Permission for Services* form. Once permission is granted, your student will begin receiving services.
- If you cannot provide the required documentation, your student is eligible to be tested during the fall testing window only if he/she is from an out-of-state or private school. If you are from another district in Texas, your student is eligible to be tested mid-year and may be referred for testing during the *Open Referral Period* from October 1st through December 5th.
- If your student is transferring from another Cypress-Fairbanks ISD school and has been identified as gifted and talented, please alert the counselor (elementary) or the director of instruction (secondary).
- No additional testing is required, and your student will be enrolled in the CFISD HORIZONS classes.