

**FALL- NEW TO THE DISTRICT**

**Nomination Form– Parent/Legal Guardian Nomination**

Each fall, students who are *new to the district* in grades 1<sup>st</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> are given the opportunity to be nominated for the Gifted and Talented Program. By signing this nomination form you are choosing to nominate your child to be tested for the Paradise GATE Program AND giving permission for your child to be in the program if they meet qualification criteria.

Initially, students will be given a cognitive abilities test of which they must score a 95% or above on one of the tested areas. If initial criterion is met then a series of tests will be given and administered through October. You will be notified of qualification status at the end of testing. Areas tested are, general reasoning, analytical/critical thinking, achievement areas: Math, Language, Science and Social Studies, and a parent and teacher inventory is given.

If a child qualifies in grades 1<sup>st</sup>-5<sup>th</sup>, they will receive pull-out instruction and in class differentiation to help accommodate the child's gifted area needs. Students in Jr. High and High School receive differentiated instruction and gifted areas are considered when nominating for Pre-AP and AP classes, UIL, Math/Science teams, etc.

Please consider possible characteristics of a gifted child when deciding to test your child. There are no "set" characteristics, but common ones are listed on the second page.

If you would like for this child to be tested for this program, please fill out the information below and return this form by the deadline of: **TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 19, 2017.**

For additional information you may visit the Gifted and Talented webpage, listed under Programs/Services on the Elementary tab at [www.pisd.net](http://www.pisd.net). If you have any questions, please contact me @ [cgentry@pisd.net](mailto:cgentry@pisd.net) or 940-969-5046.

*Thank you, Carla Gentry, GATE Coordinator*

**Paradise ISD GATE PROGRAM FALL NOMINATION FORM- STUDENTS GRADES 1st--12th Parent/Legal Guardian Nomination**

STUDENT'S NAME \_\_\_\_\_ BIRTHDATE \_\_\_\_\_  
GRADE & TEACHER \_\_\_\_\_

**I grant permission for, \_\_\_\_\_, to be tested for the Gifted and Talented (GATE) Program at Paradise ISD. If he/she meets district criteria and qualifies I am also granting permission for this child to be in the Paradise GATE program.**

Parent/ Legal Guardian Name (print) \_\_\_\_\_ Parent/Legal Guardian Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Relationship to Child \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_ Phone Number \_\_\_\_\_

Has your child been in a Gifted and Talented Program at a previous school? Yes No

**Previous School's Name** \_\_\_\_\_ **Year enrolled in GT/ Grade** \_\_\_\_\_ **School Contact Ph #** \_\_\_\_\_

School Use:	Date Received: _____	School Personnel: _____
	Campus: _____	

**Characteristics Commonly Associated with Giftedness**

**Problem-solving ability - Quick to see solutions, possibilities**  
**Curiosity - Exhibits unusual and sustained interest in the unknown/unfamiliar**  
**Sensitivity - Feels deeply for others – often sensitive to criticism**  
**Originality - Thinks of unique ways to express ideas**  
**Persistence - Shows strong determination, will, stubbornness**  
**Energy - Works or plays in areas of interest without tiring for long periods.**  
**Enthusiasm - Enjoys challenge – thrives on complexity.**

**Reasons well (*good thinker*)**

**Learns rapidly**

**Has extensive vocabulary**

**Has an excellent memory**

**Has a long attention span (*if interested*)**

**Sensitive (*feelings hurt easily*)**

**Shows compassion**

**Perfectionist**

**Early or avid reader**

**Concerned with justice, fairness**

**Judgment mature for age at times**

**is a keen observer**

**Facility with numbers**

**Strong curiosity**

**Morally Sensitive**