

GATES- Gifted and Talented Education
SPRING Nomination Form- Parent/Legal Guardian Nomination

Paradise ISD

Each spring, students in grades KINDERGARTEN- ELEVENTH, are given the opportunity to be nominated for the Gifted and Talented Program. By signing this permission form you are choosing to nominate your child to be tested for the Paradise G.A.T.E. 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 May. 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 1st-5th, 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 PreAP 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 back of this 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 MARCH 23, 2010.**

If you have any questions, please contact me @ hberry@pisd.net or 940-969-5046.

Thank you, Holly Berry, G.A.T.E. Coordinator

Paradise ISD G.A.T.E. PROGRAM SPRING NOMINATION FORM- STUDENTS GRADES K--11th
Parent/Legal Guardian Nomination

STUDENT'S NAME _____ BIRTHDATE _____
GRADE & TEACHER _____

I grant permission for, _____, to be tested for the Gifted and Talented (G.A.T.E.) 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 G.A.T.E. (Gifted & Talented) 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: _____	

There are no set characteristics of gifted children. However, many children exhibit some of the following ones.

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