

BROWNWOOD INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT

2025 Gifted and Talented Program Overview

Brownwood ISD's Gifted and Talented (GT) Program aims to provide a program of quality, equity, and accountability for academically talented students in compliance with state and local requirements. Below are some of the key features of our BISD GT Program:

- **Elementary Student Services:** K-5th grade students are being served through classroom teachers providing differentiated instruction.
- **Secondary Student Services:** 6th-12th grade students are being served through advanced courses and differentiated instruction.
- **Transfer Students:** Six students transferred from outside of Brownwood ISD.
- **Coordinating Services:** Professional development opportunities, resources and differentiation strategies are shared throughout the year.
- **Parent Night:** GT information will be provided through the BISD Special Populations Parent Information Night.
- **Community Involvement:** Event for showcasing GT products, performances and achievements for the community.
- **Referral Window:** Referrals will be made during specific periods of time with testing to follow, allowing for the identification of GT students. Information will be made public regarding timelines.
- **Referral and Testing Materials:** Materials are provided to campuses and parents as needed and during referral windows.
- **GT Coordinator's Meeting:** GT Coordinator attends this meeting in October at Region 15 ESC to receive legislative updates and general information regarding GT services.
- **GT Professional Development:** All teachers are encouraged to obtain the 30-hour Foundational training through TEALearn. Teachers who have already completed these hours also complete a 6-hour update each year.

Goals and Initiatives of the GT Program

- Monitor progress of students in the program
- Identify students who may potentially be served in the program
- Provide differentiated instruction and enriching learning opportunities
- Communicate with campus administrators and teachers to ensure compliance with state guidelines

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- Assist teachers by providing resources, guidance and professional development opportunities
- Provide continued support to all stakeholders including students, parents, teachers and administrators
- Learning is facilitated by teachers with the required 30-hour training.
- Opportunities for differentiation, student collaboration and/or project-based learning
- Participation in advanced level courses for secondary students
- Provide on-going communication with students, parents, teachers and administrators throughout the year via email, ParentSquare, and Facebook, as well as in person.

GT STUDENTS BY GRADE/ELEMENTARY CAMPUS	K	1ST	2ND	3RD	4TH	5TH	6TH	CAMPUS TOTALS
COGGIN	0	2	2	4	2	8	31	49
EAST	0	0	3	4	10	3	0	20
NORTHWEST	0	4	2	5	3	4	0	18
WOODLAND HEIGHTS	0	10	12	11	10	14	0	57
TOTAL PER GRADE	0	16	19	24	25	29	31	144
GT STUDENTS BY GRADE/SECONDARY CAMPUS	7TH	8TH	9TH	10TH	11TH	12TH		CAMPUS TOTALS
MIDDLE SCHOOL	21	28	-	-	-	-		49
HIGH SCHOOL	-	-	24	29	21	23		97
BAHS	-	-	-	-	-	1		1
TOTAL PER GRADE	21	28	24	29	21	24		147
					DISTRICT TOTAL			291