

# Gifted & Talented Annual Report



SMITHVILLE INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT

# Gifted & Talented Program Update

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Texas Education Code §29.121 · Texas State Plan for G/T Students



# Texas Law & State Goals for G/T Students

## §29.121 — DEFINITION

A gifted and talented student performs at — or shows potential for — a remarkably high level of accomplishment compared to peers of the same age, experience, or environment, and who:

- Exhibits high performance capability in an intellectual, creative, or artistic area
- Possesses an unusual capacity for leadership
- Excels in a specific academic field

## STATE GOAL FOR SERVICES

Students will demonstrate skills in:

- **Self-directed learning**
- **Critical thinking**
- **Research**
- **Communication**

*High school graduates will have produced products and performances of professional quality.*

# Smithville ISD G/T Program Services

## **K-8** Destination Imagination

Problem-solving team challenges fostering creativity, critical thinking, and collaboration across grade levels K-8.

## **6-12** Advanced Courses

Rigorous coursework designed to extend learning and challenge students above grade-level expectations.

## **9-12** Pre-AP & AP Courses

College-preparatory and Advanced Placement courses.

## **9-12** Dual Credit Partnerships

McMurry University and Austin Community College partnerships offer college credit while students are still in high school.

# Texas State Plan Compliance & District Goals

## SISD GT Plan

- Advisory group in place
- Dedicated G/T funding
- Annual program evaluation
- G/T district manual

## Student Identification

- Multi-criteria referral process
- Standardized assessments

## Service Design

- Array of learning opportunities K–12
- Structured & sequenced services
- professional

## Curriculum & Instruction

- Acceleration & differentiation
- Goals reflected in DIP & CIP
- Advanced coursework

## Professional Learning

- Teacher required 30-hour GT training
- Ongoing professional development aligned to program-6 hr update

## Family & Community

- Parent involvement
- Community partnerships supported

# Questions & Comments

