

**Brownwood Independent School District**  
**Gifted and Talented Program Report**  
 November 2023  
**Gifted and Talented Students by Grade and Campus**

Pull-Out Program	K	1 <sup>st</sup>	2 <sup>nd</sup>	3 <sup>rd</sup>	4 <sup>th</sup>	5 <sup>th</sup>	6 <sup>th</sup>	Total
<b>EAST</b>	0	3	6	2	4	3		18
<b>NORTHWEST</b>	0	5	3	4	5	0		17
<b>WOODLAND</b>	0	6	5	7	7	8		33
<b>COGGIN</b>	0	2	3	7	4	6	21	43
Total Per Grade Level	0	16	17	20	20	17	21	Total K-6 <b>111</b>

Upper Grades	7 <sup>th</sup>	8 <sup>th</sup>	9 <sup>th</sup>	10 <sup>th</sup>	11 <sup>th</sup>	12 <sup>th</sup>	BAHS	Total
<b>BMS and BHS</b>	26	28	25	27	24	12	0	<b>142</b>

**Fall 2023**

- **Student Services:** A. Fabbiani and S. Land are working at all 4 elementary campuses planning for and teaching grades K-6 on a rotating basis. Each is working at two campuses and will switch campuses in January. Fabbiani is planning activities in the humanities area such as debate, logic, social and emotional learning, inquiry/problem based studies while S. Land is planning activities in the STEM areas that include STEAM, coding, and robotics. Both teachers support each other and incorporate reading, writing, research, and TPSP.
- **Parent Night** was held October 17 with about 60 in attendance. The meeting consisted of a quick overview of the program. Then, families could view projects and activities that students have been working on during class.
- **GT Coordinator's Meeting- October 10**-Fabbiani attended the 3-hour meeting. Topics addressed included program design of secondary campuses, GT training for admin and school boards, and program funding.
- **Collaboration with ESCXV October 25**-Land and Fabbiani had a zoom meeting with specialists from Region 15 in order to discover ways to support families. This was based on information received from a parent survey. Organization, concentration, anxiety, and perfectionism were the focus areas.
- **Back to school**-GT update meetings for teachers were held at all campuses.
- **GT professional development records** for teachers updated and shared with principals.
- **Referral and testing meeting** - November 6th. The fall testing window is November 1-November 15. There was a public announcement shared.
- **PLC: Kindergarten and 2nd grade screeners**- met with kinder and 2nd grade teachers between 9/20 and 9/28. Universal screeners help the GT teachers determine students who may have potential.
- **Fall Testing**- fall testing will begin at the end of November for 1st-12th grades.
- **Spring Testing**-focus on kindergarten testing.
- **Google Classrooms** created for all students 7-12 to upload evidence of learning twice a year as well as evidence of awards/honors/recognition.
- **BHS** continuing to issue cords to seniors who meet the criteria upon graduation.
- **Updated Gifted and Talented Handbook** <https://tinyurl.com/2p7vku7k>

## Initiatives for the Gifted and Talented Program

- Monitor the progress of students in the program, identify students with potential, provide differentiated instruction, and offer enriching learning opportunities.
- Screenings and testing at all campuses are managed by G/T teachers.
- G/T teachers administer assessments and collaborate with selection committees.
- Communicate with the secondary schools to ensure compliance with state guidelines.
- Assist teachers by providing resources, guidance, and professional development sessions.
- Provide continued support to all stakeholders including students, parents, teachers, and administrators.

## K-6 Pull Out Services

**The goal of the G/T program is to provide enriching and accelerated opportunities.**

- Integration of STEM/STEAM, project/problem-based learning, and differentiated instruction that enriches the grade level TEKS in the four content areas.
- With 2 teachers, we are able to work with students 2 days a week.
- Implementation of TPSP which is the gifted and talented curriculum used for independent projects.
- Kindergarten students through sixth grade students are served through a pull-out program.
- First through six grade students receive services around the enrichment/WIN schedule as much as possible.
- Enrichment services may be provided for students who show strong potential and do not qualify.
- Kindergarten students receive thirty minutes of support once a week starting in March.

## G/T Services 7<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> Grade

**The goal of the G/T program is to provide enriching opportunities for identified students. Teachers do this through advanced products, advanced level courses, and differentiation.**

- Learning is facilitated by teachers with the 30-hour required training.
- Acceleration and enrichment of content as needed.
- Opportunities for differentiation, student collaboration, and project-based learning.
- Numerous, engaging electives are offered in special interest areas.
- Participation in advanced level classes.
- Enrollment opportunities in dual credit courses and On Ramps courses at the high school.
- Students send projects through Google Classroom to G/T specialists. These pieces are added to a digital portfolio for each student.

## Communication

- School Messenger-Parents
- Google Classroom and Seesaw -Students
- GT BSD Facebook Page-Parents
- Website updates

## G/T Showcase-Scheduled for April 1 and April 2

### Theme... **Agents of Change**

This is a come and go event from 4:30 p.m. through 6:00 p.m. that celebrates and showcases the efforts of gifted and talented students in the district's pull-out program. We have asked that students stand with their projects. Last name ending A-M on April 1st, last name ending N-Z on April 2nd.

## Additional Information

**Brownwood ISD Gifted and Talented Program information**

<https://sites.google.com/brownwoodisd.org/gifted-talented/home>