

## Brownwood Independent School District

### Gifted and Talented Program Report

November 2024

#### Gifted and Talented Students by Grade and Campus

	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	2	4	8	2	4		20
<b>NORTHWEST</b>	0	2	6	4	4	6		22
<b>WOODLAND</b>	0	7	9	10	10	10		46
<b>COGGIN</b>	0	1	2	2	7	7	22	41
Total Per Grade Level	0	12	21	24	23	27	22	Total K-6 <b>129</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>	27	25	29	23	24	24	0	<b>152</b>

### Fall 2024

- **Elementary Student Services:** 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> grade students are continuing to be offered services through a pull-out program. Grades K-3 and 6-12 students are being served through classroom teachers with K-3 receiving push-in services as needed.
- **Secondary Student Services:** Meeting one day a week at BMS and BHS during lunch. This is voluntary and have had a great turn-out. **Google Classrooms** created for all students 6-12 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.
- **Transfer Students:** 12 students transferred from outside the school district and 3 transferred within BISD campuses.
- **Coordinating Services:** Shared resources, ideas, differentiation documentation spreadsheet, PD opportunities, and support through a google site with teachers.
- **Parent Night** on each elementary campus held during Open House, Title 1 Meeting, or Fall Fest. Materials regarding program were sent via school messenger to GT families 1-12.
- **Referral and testing materials** – Materials were available on campuses during Open House, Title 1 Meetings, Fall Fest, emailed, and/or handed out by classroom teacher.
- **GT Coordinator's Meeting- October 17-**Fabbiani scheduled to attend the 3-hour meeting.
- **GT files** – reorganized by graduating year instead of tested year. Created a database of areas of giftedness and shared with 1<sup>st</sup>-6<sup>th</sup> teachers.
- **Back to school:** GT update meetings for teachers were held at Coggin EC-5, East, Northwest, Woodland, BMS, and BHS
- **GT professional development records** for teachers updated and shared with principals. Big push for K-3 teachers to obtain 30 hour training.
- **2nd grade screeners-** Universal screeners will be a collaborative effort between GT teachers and classroom teachers through a Thinkapalooza event that was funded by Brownwood Education Foundation.
- **Fall Testing Window** will open late October.
- **23-24 School Year-** Tested 88 students for G/T services.
- **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 teacher.
- 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.

### 4<sup>th</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> Pull Out Services

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

- Integration of project/problem-based learning and differentiated instruction that enriches, extends, and accelerates the grade level TEKS in the four content areas.
- Implementation of TPSP which is the gifted and talented curriculum used for independent projects.

### G/T Services 6<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
- Google Site for Teachers, Google Site for Families

### G/T Showcase

School-wide, end of year showcases will occur on each elementary campus.

### Additional Information

**Brownwood ISD Gifted and Talented Program information**

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