

GT Program FAQs

My child qualified as Gifted several years ago. How will this policy impact their education?

Under HISD's new board policy, once your child qualifies to receive gifted-and-talented services, they will continue to receive services unless you request otherwise.

My child is a currently GT Identified student and was recently re-tested for gifted-and-talented services in fifth grade. What happens if they don't qualify?

All students already identified as gifted will continue to receive services, regardless of their performance on the test administered in the fifth grade.

What do I need to do if I no longer want my child to receive gifted-and-talented services?

At any time during a school year, you have the option to voluntarily withdraw your child from the Vanguard program by submitting the Voluntary Exit Form to the Vanguard coordinator at their campus.

I would like to have my son or daughter tested for gifted-and-talented services. What is the process?

The new board policy has not altered the timeline for gifted-and-talented testing. Parents may request up to once a calendar year that their child be screened for giftedness.

My child attends a Vanguard Magnet school. Does this new policy mean that they cannot be removed from their Magnet program?

Students who attend a Vanguard magnet school do so on a Magnet transfer. Students who fail to adhere to the expectations outlined in the entrance agreement or who are not demonstrating success in the Magnet program will be placed on a District Magnet Growth Plan. If your child fails to meet the criteria in the growth plan, they will be required to return to your home school following the end of the school year or apply for a transfer to another school.

Who can I contact if I still have questions about gifted-and-talented services being offered in HISD?

You can contact your campus' Vanguard coordinator or the HISD Advanced Academics department at 713-556-6954 or AdvancedAcademics@houstonisd.org.

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