

Gifted Program Assessment & Identification

All **Kindergarten** students are tested mid-year and are entered into the program in Spring if they qualify. **First grade students new to the district** may be assessed at parent or teacher request during the Fall. First graders who did not qualify for the program in Kindergarten are not re-tested due to state procedures for Gifted Education. Students in **second grade and up** may be assessed at parent or teacher request during the Fall.

Students are assessed with a minimum of three criteria in a combination of qualitative and quantitative instruments. They may include nationally normed school abilities tests, nationally standardized normed achievement tests, and Teacher and/or Parent Rating Scales. These assessments are collected to create a student profile to identify the student's strengths and weaknesses. Each student's profile is individually evaluated by the Gifted Committee through a blind (no name) process. A student clearly qualifies for Gifted services if the majority of the evidence on the profile falls within the High and/or Superior ranges on the profile.

Websites for Additional Information

Farmersville ISD Gifted Program

<http://farmersvillegt.weebly.com>

Texas Education Agency Gifted / Talented Education

<http://www.tea.state.tx.us/index2.aspx?id=6420>

Texas State Plan for the Education of Gifted / Talented

[http://www.region10.org/r10website/assets/File/stateplanforthegiftedenglishversion\(1\).pdf](http://www.region10.org/r10website/assets/File/stateplanforthegiftedenglishversion(1).pdf)

Texas Performance Standards Project

<http://www.texaspsp.org/>

Collin College Dual Credit Program

<http://www.collin.edu/gettingstarted/dualcredit/>

College Board

<https://www.collegeboard.org/>

ACT

<http://www.act.org/>

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Farmersville ISD Gifted Program and Advanced Academics



Challenging Students to Reach
Their Full Potential

Farmersville ISD Advanced Academics

FISD ADVANCED ACADEMICS: A CONTINUUM OF SERVICES

Elementary...

Students are served by classroom teachers who have received 30 hours of GT training including nature and needs of gifted students, assessing student needs, and curriculum and instruction for gifted students. Teachers update their skills with an additional six hours of training each year.

In the classroom, students experience Depth and Complexity integrated into the curriculum, advanced level assignments and projects, and the opportunity to work with other identified students. Elementary students are also pulled weekly for specialized instruction in study/research skills, critical thinking, technology, and project-based learning experiences. Students may also have designated time within the regular classroom to work on these projects.



Individual and group projects connect students to their world.

...to Secondary

When identified students move into Junior High and then High School, their qualifying GT scores, current achievement data, and teacher input are used to guide decisions regarding each student's course schedule. To meet the individual needs of each student in the Gifted Program, Farmersville ISD offers "pull-out" GT classes during advisory period, advanced / honors classes, AP courses, credit by exam, and dual credit options. Counselors and teachers match each student with the options best suited to their instructional needs.

All teachers at the Junior High are trained in the nature and needs of gifted students, assessing student needs, and curriculum and instruction for gifted students. Teachers update their skills with an additional six hours of training each year. Teachers focus on academic rigor, and differentiate instruction to add depth and complexity to the curriculum. During Junior High GT classes, students work



Students are provided multiple opportunities for advanced learning.

on multi-disciplinary Project-Based Learning assignments designed to encourage creative problem-solving and higher-order thinking skills. For the advanced / honors classes, the curriculum is taught at a higher level and faster pace. The English classes are taught on grade level but with numerous enrichment activities and extension opportunities. The math classes are taught at a full grade level above the student's placement. Eighth grade students may take Algebra for high school credit.

At the High School, qualifying advanced students may take honors classes, Advanced Placement (AP) courses, or dual credit courses. The dual credit courses are taught in conjunction and in partnership with Collin College, and allow students to earn college credit. The FHS counselor can provide more information on these options.

At every level, the FISD Advanced Academics program challenges students to reach their full potential.