

Kindergarten GT Screening Frequently Asked Questions

- **What tests will be given? Will I know when?**

- Katy ISD uses 3 types of nationally normed tests for GT screening:
 - Ability testing compares students of the same age.
 - Achievement testing compares students in the same grade.
 - Intelligence testing compares students of the same age.

The Test Proctor assigned to the campus will provide a range of days on which testing might occur.

- **If my child is identified for Challenge, what happens in the regular classroom when my child leaves for Challenge?**

- Teachers avoid major tests and brand new material on Challenge days. Challenge days provide opportunities for further practice and enrichment for the children in the regular classroom. Challenge students are responsible for homework, but not assignment begun and completed in class.

- **Once identified, are students tested each year to remain in the program?**

- No, once identified, students remain in the program as long as they are being successful in the program. Exit from the GT Program is rare.

- **What if my child is not proficient in English?**

- The ability test is a non-verbal test and does not require that the child be proficient in English. For students who speak Spanish, we are able to administer an achievement test and an intelligence measure in Spanish.

- **What if my child is absent from school on the date the test is scheduled?**

- The proctor will schedule another day for testing.

- **What if my child is younger than their classmates?**

- The ability test and the intelligence measure that are administered compare students of the same age, not grade.

- **If not identified in Kinder, can my child be screened later on?**

- Yes. Students are eligible for screening once a year. The next opportunity for screening is the spring of the 1st grade year for possible service in 2nd grade.

- **What happens if my child is identified for Challenge, and we later move to a different Katy ISD school?**

- All Katy schools have the same Challenge program so there will be no disruption in Challenge service if a child moves within Katy ISD.

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- **My child is being screened for kindergarten acceleration. Should we still turn in a kindergarten checklist?**
 - Parents should go ahead and turn in the kindergarten checklist by the published date. If the student does move to first grade, parents can contact the Challenge teacher and classroom teacher to discuss the possibility of screening for first grade. Parents would then need to complete and turn in an elementary parent checklist within two weeks of the student moving the first grade. Students who remain in kindergarten would screen according to the established timeline.