

Galena Park ISD's G/T  
Services & Identification  
Parent Awareness  
Presentation

# Services Offered

- Journeys (K-5)
  - > an inclusion program for students in kindergarten through fifth grade
  - > designed to serve the top four to seven percent of the student population at each grade level on each campus
- Encounters (4-9)
  - > a pull out program for students in fourth and fifth grades – becomes an actual class from sixth through ninth grade
  - > designed to serve the top three to five percent of the student population at each grade level in the entire district
- Pre-AP/AP/Dual Credit (6-12)
  - > courses offered from sixth through twelfth grade

# How are services provided?

- ◉ Journeys & Pre-AP/AP/Dual Credit
  - > Cluster grouping
  - > Differentiation within the classroom
  - > Project Based Learning
    - Envision/Texas Performance Standards Project
    - one required per semester
  - > Pre-AP/AP/Dual Credit is open enrollment

# How are services provided?

## ◎ Encounters

- > curriculum separate from that of the normal classroom
- > students are required to complete various products of professional quality
- > a research paper is required of every student
- > services also include meeting the social and emotional needs of the gifted child

# What are the goals?

- ◉ Develop higher level thinking and problem solving skills
- ◉ Grow students' ability to conduct research
- ◉ Nurture and develop creative thinking
- ◉ Promote affective development
- ◉ Encourage continued advancement with communication skills

# Why do we offer these services?

- ◉ Federal Law
- ◉ State Law
- ◉ District Policy
  
- ◉ Most importantly, it's the right thing to do for our students!

# New Student Testing

- Any student transferring to GPISD having been served as G/T in another district must be re-assessed within 30 days of enrollment
- Initial testing happens during the 1<sup>st</sup> three weeks of school
- Testing occurs throughout the year for any new enrollees
  - > Please pay attention to this during enrollment of new students

# Kindergarten

- Kindergarten testing takes place in November and December
- Students are testing to be placed in Journeys
- Selection will be late 1<sup>st</sup>/early 2<sup>nd</sup> semester
- Kindergarten students identified for G/T services must receive differentiated instruction and complete a 2<sup>nd</sup> semester project
- Initial screening will occur with a common assessment – recommendations accepted



# First & Third Grades

- Testing will take place in January, February, and March
- First Grade
  - > any student not currently in Journeys can test to receive G/T services through Journeys
- Third Grade
  - > ALL students are eligible to test – testing will be for students to receive G/T services through Journeys and Encounters
  - > All current Journeys students will be assessed for Encounters
- Initial screening will occur with a common assessment – recommendations accepted

# Second Grade

- All GPISD second graders will be tested in the 2<sup>nd</sup> semester using the Cognitive Abilities Test (CogAT) online
- Testing is offered in both English and Spanish
- These test scores are great for use with students of all levels  
([www.hmhco.com/cogat/cogatprofile](http://www.hmhco.com/cogat/cogatprofile))
- Students who meet the criteria set by the selection committee will receive further testing in April or May – no recommendations accepted as all students will have received testing for G/T services

# Fourth through Eighth Grades

- Testing will take place in April and May
- Any student that is not already in Encounters can test
  - > students are testing for Encounters (fifth through eighth) and for Journeys (fourth grade only)

# GT Testing Referrals

- ⦿ Accepted starting at the beginning of the school year
- ⦿ School personnel must use the Student Profile Form to nominate a student
- ⦿ Please send an email to Robert Seibert at [rseibert@galenaparkisd.com](mailto:rseibert@galenaparkisd.com) to put a student on the testing list (preferred that you send a Student Profile Form with the nomination)

# Referrals

- ◉ Who can refer a child for GT testing?
  - > Teachers
  - > Counselors
  - > Administrators
  - > Parents
  - > Student
  - > Peers
  - > Past Record
    - Screening completed at the district level