

**SCHULENBURG INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT
POLICY AND PROCEDURES
FOR ACADEMICALLY GIFTED AND TALENTED STUDENTS**

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STATE GOAL FOR SERVICES FOR GIFTED STUDENTS

Students who participate in services designed for gifted students will demonstrate skills in self-directed learning, thinking, research, and communication as evidenced by the development of innovative products and performances that are advanced in relation to students of similar age, experience, or environment and reflect individuality and creativity. High school graduates who have participated in services for gifted students will have produced products and performances of professional quality as part of their program services.

-Texas State Plan for the Education of Gifted/Talented Students

STATE DEFINITION OF GIFTED/TALENTED STUDENT

§ 29.121. DEFINITION: In this subchapter, "gifted and talented student" means a child or youth who performs at, or shows the potential for performing at, a remarkably high level of accomplishment when compared to others of the same age, experience, or environment and who:

- (1) Exhibits high performance capability in an intellectual, creative, or artistic area;
- (2) Possesses an unusual capacity for leadership; or
- (3) Excels in a specific academic field.

Added by Acts 1995, 74th Leg., ch. 260, § 1, eff. May 30, 1995.

SCHULENBURG INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT'S DEFINITION OF GIFTED

Schulenburg ISD defines gifted and talented students as those who by virtue of outstanding mental abilities are capable or show the potential of high performance. Schulenburg ISD will provide services for students who demonstrate above average achievement (90%+) or potential in the area general intellectual ability as identified through the district's multiple criteria.

**SCHULENBURG INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT
GOAL FOR THE GIFTED/TALENTED SERVICES**

Students who participate in services designed for gifted students will demonstrate skills in self-directed learning, thinking, research, and communication as evidenced by the development of innovative products and performances that are advanced in relation to students of similar age, experience, or environment and that reflect individuality and creativity. High school graduates who have participated in services for gifted students will produce products and performances of professional quality as part of their program services.

**PROGRAM GOALS
FOR THE GIFTED/TALENTED SERVICES K-12**

1. IDENTIFICATION - Identify students in grades K-12 who demonstrated an academic need for gifted services using the criteria established by the district, approved by the board, and in compliance with the state mandates.
2. SELF-DIRECTED LEARNERS - Develop the students' capacities to become self-directed and to be confident in their ability to research and process information and to create and communicate their findings as they produce and present advanced-level products or performances as well as products and performances of professional quality at the high school exit level.
3. COMPLEX THINKING SKILLS - Enhance and refine the abstract and complex thinking and reasoning of these students through more sophisticated creative and critical thinking activities as they reflect and refine their own thinking processes.
4. APPROPRIATE INSTRUCTIONAL STRATEGIES - Provide students with multiple opportunities to participate in learning experiences using advanced content (within the four core areas) which are defensibly differentiated in depth, complexity and range through accommodation to content and/or process and/or product. Students will be able to work independently, with groups of other gifted students, and with groups of non-gifted peers.

IDENTIFICATION PROCEDURES AND PROCESSES

K-12

Schulenburg Independent School District has board approval on the identification procedures and processes of students K-12 for the services of the Gifted/Talented Program. These procedures meet state requirements (§29.121 & TAC 89.1) and have been designed to ensure the identification of any student who demonstrates educational need for the services of the program under the established guidelines. All cultures, socioeconomic groups, environments and handicapped positions will be provided opportunity for consideration for referral to gifted/talented assessment (TAC § 16.501A).

Texas Administrative Code §89.1: Student Assessment.

School districts shall develop written policies on student identification that are approved by the local board of trustees and disseminated to parents. The policies must:

- (1) Include provisions for ongoing screening and selection of students who perform, or show potential for performing, at remarkably high levels of accomplishment in the areas defined in the Texas Education Code, §29.121;
- (2) Include assessment measures collected from multiple sources according to each area defined in the Texas State Plan for the Education of Gifted/Talented Students;
- (3) Include data and procedures designed to ensure that students from all populations in the district have access to the assessment process and, if identified as having significant educational need for advanced academics, services for the gifted/talented program;
- (4) Provide for final qualification of students (through a blind process) to be made by a committee of at least three local district educators who have received training in the nature and needs of gifted students; and
- (5) Include provisions regarding furloughs, reassessment, exiting of students from program services, transfer students, and appeals of district decisions regarding program placement.

Schulenburg ISD Identification Timeline:

	Grades 1-5	Kindergarten and Grades 6-12
Referral procedures published	Second Semester of Current Year	First Semester of Current Year
Referrals accepted from parents, teachers, community members	Second Semester of Current Year	First Semester of Current Year
Screenings, assessments conducted after written parental permission obtained	Second Semester of Current Year	First Semester of Current Year
Gifted/Talented committee meets	Second Semester of Current Year	First Semester of Current Year
Written parental permission for services obtained for identified students	Second Semester of Current Year	First Semester of Current Year
Services begin for identified students	First Semester of Next School Year	Second Semester of Current Year

DISSEMINATING INFORMATION

Anyone may nominate/refer a student for the program at the period of annual referrals listed on the timeline above. Referral forms are available in each campus office and/or on the district web site. Referral forms may be submitted to the campus office only during the time period of referral acceptance. Late referrals will not be accepted. The screening instruments will match the program's services.

Parents are informed of the identification policies through the district or campus handbook, and/or the district website, and/or by request of the written policy and procedures for the Gifted/Talented program. In addition, parent awareness sessions are held annually.

REFERRAL PROCESS

Referrals can originate from teachers, parents or community members during the referral period. Students are nominated with a formal referral sheet to be given to the campus office. Written parent or guardian permission is required to screen/assess a student. If a parent does not want his/her child to be screened, this information will be documented.

SCREENING/ASSESSMENT PROCESS

A student profile is used to identify those students who perform, or show the potential for performing at remarkably high levels of accomplishment relative to their age, peers, experience, or environment. The profile will reflect a minimum of three (3) criteria used in the assessment. The criteria used will be a combination of qualitative and quantitative instruments and may include:

- School Abilities Test such as the Naglieri Nonverbal Ability Test (NNAT), the Otis-Lennon School Abilities Test (OLSAT), or other school abilities tests as deemed appropriate for the student;
- Achievement Test such as the Iowa Test of Basic Skills (ITBS), or other achievement tests as deemed appropriate for the student;
- Teacher Parent Rating Scales such as the Gifted and Talented Evaluation Scales (GATES), or other rating scales as deemed appropriate for the student;
- Parent Rating Scales such as the Gifted and Talented Evaluation Scales (GATES).

QUALIFICATION PROCESS

The student profile identifies the student's strengths and weaknesses. The percentiles and/or scores from the assessment instruments are plotted on the student profile. Each student's profile is individually evaluated by the Gifted/Talented Selection Committee through a blind (no name) process. A student clearly qualifies for Gifted/Talented services if the majority of the evidence on the profile falls within the *High* and/or *Superior* ranges on the profile. The decision is based on the committee's observation of the preponderance of the evidence on the student's profile.

The Gifted/Talented Selection Committee consists of at least three district educators including, but not limited to:

- Campus Principal
- Counselor or Assistant Principal
- G/T Coordinator
- Schulenburg ISD teacher

All committee members have received the G/T 30 hours of professional development. The Gifted/Talented Selection Committee makes a professional judgment based on the recorded student profile data. As the committee evaluates the data on the students nominated, the committee has three options:

- The preponderance of profile data indicates the student exhibits educational need and would benefit from the services offered in the Gifted/Talented.
- The preponderance of evidence indicates the student's educational needs would best

be served with the services of the regular curriculum.

- Further information is requested for the committee to make a qualification decision.

Once the identification process is complete, parents or guardians are notified of the Gifted/Talented Selection Committee's decision via U.S. Mail within ten school days. Parents of all screened students may request a conference to examine their child's assessment results. Request should be made through the district G/T Coordinator.

ADDITIONAL POLICES AND PROCEDURES

TRANSFER OF STUDENTS

All students who have participated in gifted/talented programs prior to coming to Schulenburg ISD may be considered for the Gifted/Talented Program. Once screening records are received from the student's previous district, the records will be examined for correspondence to Schulenburg ISD's criteria. If the transfer data is insufficient, Schulenburg ISD will assess the student to see if placement in the program is in the student's best interest. A decision will be made regarding qualification within 30 school days of the receipt of the student's Gifted/Talented assessment results from the previous district.

According to the Interstate Compact on Educational Opportunity for Military Children, a receiving school district in a member state agrees to "initially honor placement of a student based on the student's enrollment in the sending state as long as that school has a similar or equivalent program." Texas Education Code §162.002.

SCHULENBURG APPEALS PROCESS

Appeals will be handled through Schulenburg ISD's appeals process stated in School Board policy.

FURLOUGH PROCEDURE

A furlough is a temporary "leave of absence" from the Gifted/Talented Program designed to meet the individual needs of an identified student. Anyone may request a furlough: parent, student, teacher, or administrator. Requests for a furlough will be given to the campus administrator and members of the Gifted/Talented Selection Committee for consideration. A student may be furloughed for a period of time deemed appropriate by the Gifted/Talented Selection Committee. At the end of the furlough, the student's progress shall be reassessed, and the student may re-enter the Gifted/Talented program, be removed from the program, or be placed on another furlough. Furloughs are designed to be short-term and temporary.

A furlough does not indicate a permanent exiting of the program. Furloughs could be utilized for a variety of extenuating circumstances, such as over-commitment, family concerns, serious illness, or any other circumstances which would inhibit or curtail the student's performance in the program. The furlough may also be used prior to a formal exit from the program for those students who are unable to maintain satisfactory performance within the learning opportunities of the Gifted/Talented program. A furlough might also provide the

student an opportunity to attain performance goals established by the Gifted/Talented Selection Committee. A furlough is arranged to meet the individual needs of the student.

REASSESSMENT

Schulenburg ISD may reassess students that have previously been identified for the G/T program to determine appropriate program placement when a student moves from the elementary level to the junior high school level and from junior high level to high school. If there is any concern regarding the performance or placement of the student, the Gifted/Talented teacher or the district Gifted/Talented Coordinator will contact the parent and confer about available options. Options available are counseling, requesting a furlough, or exiting the student from the program. A formal reassessment will only occur with written parental permission.

EXIT

Student performance in the program shall be monitored. A student shall be removed from the program at any time the Gifted/Talented Selection Committee determines it is in the student's best interest and a furlough has been ineffective. If a parent requests their child be removed from the program, the Gifted/Talented Selection Committee shall grant the request. Once a student is exited from the program he/she must adhere to the identification procedures and exhibit educational need to be readmitted.

PROVISION OF STUDENT SERVICES

Schulenburg Independent School District offers a variety of learning experiences and opportunities for Gifted/Talented students in grades K-12 which meet the mandates of the Texas Administrative Code. These services include, but are not limited to, integrating depth and complexity into the curriculum, requiring advanced level products and performances, and allowing identified Gifted/Talented students the opportunity to work with other identified students. Curriculum for the gifted must be differentiated from that in the regular classroom and congruent with the characteristics of gifted children.

Texas Administrative Code §89.3. Student Services

School districts shall provide an array of learning opportunities for gifted/talented students in kindergarten through Grade 12 and shall inform parents of the opportunities. Options must include:

- (1) Instructional and organizational patterns that enable identified students to work together as a group, to work with other students, and to work independently;
- (2) A continuum of learning experiences that leads to the development of advanced-level products and performances as well as differentiated strategies in the regular classroom and the Pre-AP and AP classrooms;
- (3) In-school and, when possible, out-of-school options relevant to the student's area of strength that are available during the entire school year; and
- (4) Opportunities to accelerate in areas of strength.

A continuum of learning experiences will be provided in the Gifted/Talented services which lead to the development of advanced-level products and/or performances. Such services may include:

- Use of depth and complexity elements
- Development of divergent and creative thinking skills
- Differentiation of content, process and/or product in the regular or Pre-AP/AP classroom
- Pull-out program
- Concurrent or dual-enrollment classes
- Other services as deemed appropriate for the student.

Services are available in all four core academic areas including Language Arts, Math, Science and Social Studies. Identified students will work independently, with other identified students, and with students of other abilities.

Documentation of services will be maintained and parents will be notified of in-school and out-of-school options during the school year that are relevant to the needs of the gifted and talented students.

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT AND ONGOING TRAINING IN GIFTED EDUCATION

Schulenburg Independent School District is committed to providing its staff with appropriate and meaningful professional development which enables the staff to meet the unique and individual educational needs of all students including services for gifted/talented students. It is important that all staff responsible for formally servicing these students obtain appropriate training for educating the gifted child. The district will require at least the minimum hours of training as mandated by the state:

Texas Administrative Code §89.2. Professional Development

1. Prior to assignment in the program, teachers who provide instruction and services that are a part of the program for gifted students have a minimum of 30 hours of staff development that includes nature and needs of gifted/talented students, assessing student needs, and curriculum and instruction for gifted students;
2. Teachers without training required in paragraph (1) of this section who provide instruction and services that are part of the gifted/talented program must complete the 30-hour training requirement within one semester;
3. Teachers who provide instruction and services that are a part of the program for gifted students receive a minimum of six hours annually of professional development in gifted education; and
4. Administrators and counselors who have authority for program decisions have a minimum of six hours of professional development that includes nature and needs of gifted/talented students and program options.

PROGRAM EVALUATION

Schulenburg ISD will annually evaluate the Gifted/Talented program by surveying all stakeholders including students, parents/guardians, and teachers. The evaluation data will be presented to the school board and will be used as a needs assessment to be addressed in the district/campus improvement plans.

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PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENT OF REFERRAL PERIOD

Public Notice

Schulenburg ISD is now planning for the Gifted/Talented program and accepting referrals for students who may need services for the current school year. This program is designed for students who exhibit intellectual and creative thinking abilities at an extraordinary level not normally served in the regular classroom. Services are provided only upon identification of education needs of the student.

Schulenburg ISD is dedicated to helping all children discover and reach his/her potential from Kindergarten to twelfth grade.

This form must be returned to the school by _____. Nomination/referral forms are available at each campus office and online through the school's website at www.schulenburg.txed.net.

ANUNCIO PÚBLICO DEL PERIODO DE REFERENCIA

Aviso Público

Schulenburg ISD está planeando para el programa de Dotados / Talentosos y aceptar referencias para los estudiantes que necesitan servicios del año escolar en curso. Este programa está diseñado para estudiantes que exhiben habilidades de pensamiento intelectual y creativa a un nivel extraordinario que normalmente no se sirve en el salón de clases regular. Los servicios se ofrecen sólo en la identificación de las necesidades educativas del estudiante.

Schulenburg ISD se dedica a ayudar a todos los niños a descubrir y llegar a su / su potencial de Kindergarten a duodécimo grado.

Este formulario debe ser devuelto a la escuela por _____. Los que no puedan ir a la escuela deben llamar al 979-743-4221 para solicitar un formulario se enviará a los mismos.

Gifted/Talented Services
Schulenburg Independent School District
Gifted/Talented Referral Form

I, _____, as parent/guardian –OR- teacher –OR- community member
(Please print) (Please circle)

would like to refer _____ for the Gifted/Talented screening and
(Print student's name)

assessment process. I believe this child has an extraordinarily high level of intellectual or academic ability and that his/her educational needs can best be met by Gifted/Talented Services. I understand the school district will make every effort to determine the best possible educational services based on the student's educational needs.

This child is currently in grade _____.

Signature of person making referral

Date

Gifted/Talented Services
Schulenburg Independent School District
Gifted/Talented Testing Form

Dear Parent/Guardian,

Your child, _____, has been referred for testing to see if he/she would benefit from Gifted and Talented Services for Schulenburg ISD. To receive proper services, your child will need to be assessed. The Gifted/Talented Selection Committee will look at a variety of information before eligibility for services can be established. After the student is tested and the Gifted/Talented Selection Committee has evaluated all information by a blind (no name) process, the committee will determine appropriate placement based on your child's assessment data. You will receive written notification of the decision made by the committee.

Please return this form to your child's teacher as soon as possible if you would like the school to assess your child. Thank you for your cooperation.

Sincerely,

G/T Coordinator

Child's Name: _____

_____ Yes, I give my permission to assess my child for Gifted/Talented Services.

_____ No, I do not wish to have my child tested at this time.

Parent/Guardian Signature: _____

Date: _____

Gifted/Talented Services
Schulenburg Independent School District
Gifted/Talented Retest Form

Dear Parent/Guardian,

Your child, _____, as an identified gifted/talented student, will need to undergo retesting to determine if he/she would continue to benefit from Gifted and Talented Services in Schulenburg ISD. The Gifted/Talented Selection Committee will look at a variety of information before a decision will be made about continuing G/T services to meet your child's needs. After the student is reassessed and the Gifted/Talented Selection Committee has evaluated all information by a blind (no name) process, the Selection Committee will determine what most appropriate placement for your child based on your child's assessment data. You will receive written notification of the decision made by the committee.

Please return this form to your child's teacher as soon as possible if you would like the school to reassess your child. If you elect to not have your child reassessed, he/she will be exited from the program. Thank you for your cooperation.

Sincerely,

G/T Coordinator

Child's Name: _____

_____ Yes, I give my permission for you to reassess my child for Gifted/Talented Services.

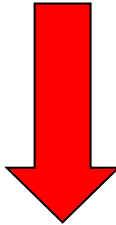
_____ No, I do not wish to have my child retested at this time. I understand he/she will be exited from Gifted/Talented services.

Parent/Guardian Signature: _____

Date: _____

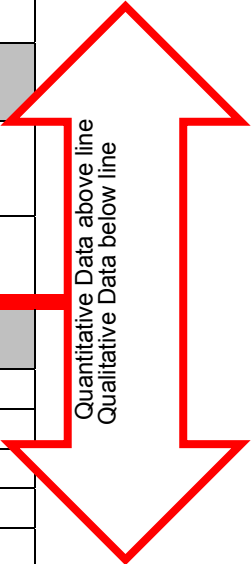
SCHULENBURG ISD Gifted/Talented Student Identification Profile

Student Name _____

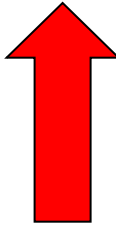


District line:
Minimum of 2
Quantitative
criteria above line

	Below Average	Average	Bright	Excellent	Superior
School Ability (IQ)	<85	85-109	110-121	122-135	136+
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • NNAT or other School Ability test as appropriate 					
Achievement Scores (percentiles)	≤50	51-80	81-90	91-95	96-99
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ITBS or other achievement test as appropriate 					
Teacher Rating Scales (GATES, standard scores)					
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Intellectual Ability 	<70	70-79	80-89	90-110	111+
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Academic Skills 	<70	70-79	80-89	90-110	111+
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • *Creativity 	<70	70-79	80-89	90-110	111+
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • *Leadership 	<70	70-79	80-89	90-110	111+
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • *Artistic Talent 	<70	70-79	80-89	90-110	111+
Parent Rating Scale (GATES, standard scores)					
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Intellectual Ability 	<70	70-79	80-89	90-110	111+
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Academic Skills 	<70	70-79	80-89	90-110	111+
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • *Creativity 	<70	70-79	80-89	90-110	111+
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • *Leadership 	<70	70-79	80-89	90-110	111+
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • *Artistic Talent 	<70	70-79	80-89	90-110	111+
Student Portfolio or Other Qualitative Data	1	2	3	4	5
Product:					



**This information is used for providing the most appropriate services for the student. It IS NOT used for identification purposes.*



District line:
Minimum of 2
Qualitative
criteria above line

Gifted/Talented Services
Schulenburg Independent School District
Determination of Educational Need Form

Gifted/Talented Committee Action:

At this time, this student

does exhibit educational need to receive Schulenburg ISD Gifted/Talented services

does not exhibit educational need to receive Schulenburg ISD Gifted/Talented services.

Date of Decision: _____

Committee Member Signatures:

**Schulenburg Independent School District
Gifted/Talented Services
Determination of Educational Need Form**

To the parents/guardians of: _____ Date: _____

After examining your child's assessment data and evaluating your child's specific educational needs, the Gifted/Talented Selection Committee has determined your child exhibits an educational need to be served through the Gifted/Talented services.

If you would like to schedule an appointment to look at your child's assessment results, please contact me at Schulenburg Elementary.

Sincerely,

G/T Coordinator

**Schulenburg Independent School District
Gifted/Talented Services
Determination of Educational Need Form**

To the parents/guardians of: _____ Date: _____

After examining your child's assessment data and evaluating your child's specific educational needs, the Gifted/Talented Selection Committee does not feel your child exhibits educational need to benefit from Gifted/Talented services at this time. However, your child may be referred for testing again next year for further evaluation.

If you would like to schedule an appointment to look at your child's assessment results, please contact me at Schulenburg Elementary.

Sincerely,

G/T Coordinator

**Schulenburg Independent School District
Parent Permission for Gifted/Talented Services Form**

Student's Name: _____

Address: _____

Home phone: _____ Work phone: _____

Grade: _____ Teacher: _____

Your child has met the educational qualifications for placement in the Gifted/Talented program. Before we can officially begin program services for your child, we must have your written approval for your child to receive services. Please complete this form and return it to school as soon as possible.

Please check the appropriate space:

_____ YES, I give permission for our son/daughter to receive Gifted/Talented Services.

_____ NO, I do not want our son/daughter to receive Gifted/Talented Services.

Parent/Guardian Signature: _____

Date: _____

Schulenburg Independent School District
Gifted/Talented Program Evaluation Questions
Student Survey

Please complete the following questionnaire by checking a response for each question. Your teacher can help you, if needed.

Program Design			
Question	Yes	No	Don't Know
Are G/T services available to you in all four core areas?			
Are your parents informed each year on how you are receiving G/T services?			
Do you get to work with other G/T students?			
Are gifted services provided during the entire school year?			
Question			
Does your teacher use Depth and Complexity when teaching?			
a. Math Comments:			
b. Science Comments:			
c. Social Studies Comments:			
d. Language Arts Comments:			
Curriculum and Instruction			
Question	Yes	No	Don't Know
Do you work on skills in self-directed learning, thinking, research and communication?			
Do you get to create advanced level products and performances each year?			
Family-Community Involvement			
Question	Yes	No	Don't Know
Are students included in the annual gifted program evaluation?			
Additional Comments/Suggestions			

Schulenburg Independent School District
Gifted/Talented Program Evaluation Questions
Parent Survey

Please complete the following questionnaire by checking a response for each question.

Student Assessment			
Question	Yes	No	Don't Know
Have you requested a copy of the board-approved written policy and procedures for gifted student identification?			
Does the district take referrals and assess for identification at least once a year?			
Are nominations taken for all grade levels K-12?			
Are accommodations made for non-English speaking students when testing?			
Does the district use at least three (3) criteria in the assessment process?			
Are nominations open to all students, regardless of race, ethnicity, socio-economic status, other identified exceptionalities, etc.?			
Are kindergarten students nominated, assessed, and provided services by March 1?			
Program Design			
Question	Yes	No	Don't Know
Do identified students have the opportunity to receive gifted services in the four (4) core academic areas (math, language arts, science, social studies)?			
Are parents informed each year concerning how their child is receiving G/T services?			
Do gifted students have the opportunity to work with other gifted students?			
Are gifted services provided during the entire school year?			
If the district provides services to Junior High and High School identified students through Pre-AP, AP , or dual-credit classes, does the teacher provide differentiation through depth and complexity?			
a. Math Comments:			
b. Science Comments:			
c. Social Studies Comments:			
d. Language Arts Comments:			

If the district provides services to identified students through the regular classroom, does the teacher provide differentiation through depth and complexity?			
a. Math Comments:			
b. Science Comments:			
c. Social Studies Comments:			
d. Language Arts Comments:			
Curriculum and Instruction			
Question	Yes	No	Don't Know
Are students provided the opportunity to demonstrate skills in self-directed learning, thinking, research and communication?			
Is there a variety of challenging learning experiences provided, which emphasize content from the four (4) core academic areas (math, language arts, science, social studies)?			
Are identified students provided learning opportunities each year which lead to the development of advanced-level products and performances?			
Family-Community Involvement			
Question	Yes	No	Don't Know
Are parents informed each year of the learning opportunities provided to their gifted child?			
Are parents included in the annual gifted program evaluation?			
Additional Comments/Suggestions			

Schulenburg Independent School District
Gifted/Talented Program Evaluation Questions
G/T Educator Survey

Please complete the following questionnaire by checking a response for each question.

Student Assessment			
Question	Yes	No	Don't Know
Do you have access to the board-approved written policy and procedures for gifted student identification?			
Does the district take referrals and assess for identification at least once a year?			
Are nominations taken for all grade levels K-12?			
Are accommodations made for non-English speaking students when testing?			
Does the district use at least three (3) criteria in the assessment process?			
Are nominations open to all students, regardless of race, ethnicity, socio-economic status, other identified exceptionalities, etc.?			
Does the district make placement decisions with a committee of at least three (3) local educators who have received training in the nature and needs of gifted students?			
Are kindergarten students nominated, assessed, and provided services by March 1?			
Program Design			
Question	Yes	No	Don't Know
Do identified students have the opportunity each year to receive gifted services in the four (4) core academic areas (math, language arts, science, social studies)?			
Are parents informed each year concerning how their children are receiving G/T services?			
Do gifted students have the opportunity to work with other gifted students?			
Are gifted services provided during the entire school year?			
Are acceleration options available through Credit by Examination and Early High School Graduation?			
If the district provides services to Junior High and High School identified students through Pre-AP, AP , challenge, honors, or dual-credit classes, does the teacher provide differentiation through depth and complexity?			
a. Math Comments:			
b. Science Comments:			
c. Social Studies Comments:			
d. Language Arts Comments:			

If the district provides services to identified students through the regular classroom, does the teacher provide differentiation through depth and complexity?			
a. Math Comments:			
b. Science Comments:			
c. Social Studies Comments:			
d. Language Arts Comments:			
Curriculum and Instruction			
Question	Yes	No	Don't Know
Are students provided the opportunity to demonstrate skills in self-directed learning, thinking, research and communication?			
Is there an array of challenging learning experiences provided, which emphasize content from the four (4) core academic areas (math, language arts, science, social studies)?			
Are identified students provided learning opportunities each year which lead to the development of advanced-level products and performances?			
Do the campus and district improvement plans address services to gifted/talented students each year?			
Professional Development			
Question	Yes	No	Don't Know
Are all teachers of the gifted required to attain the 30 hours of foundational training before providing services? If the training is not available prior to assignment, the teacher should receive the training during the first semester.			
Do all teachers of the gifted receive a minimum of six (6) hours annually of professional development in gifted education?			
Do administrators and counselors have a minimum of six (6) hours of professional development in the nature and needs of gifted students?			
Does the district/campus evaluate the professional development activities for gifted/talented education?			
Does the district/campus evaluate the gifted program each year?			
Family-Community Involvement			
Question	Yes	No	Don't Know
Are parents given access, upon request, to the board-approved district policy and procedures on student identification for the gifted program?			
Are parents informed each year of the learning opportunities provided to their gifted child?			

Are parents included in the annual gifted program evaluation?			
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Additional Comments/Suggestions

**Schulenburg Independent School District
Gifted and Talented Services
Furlough from G/T Services Form**

Requested by: _____

Student's Name: _____

Student's Grade: _____ Date: _____

Length of Furlough Requested _____

Reason for request:

Gifted/Talented Committee Decision:

_____ Furlough Granted

_____ Furlough Denied

Date of committee meeting: _____

Return date: _____

Length of Furlough: _____

Comments:

Parent:		Committee Member:	
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Student Signatures:		Committee	
Committee Member:		Committee Member:	

**Schulenburg Independent School District
 Gifted/Talented Services
 Exit from G/T Services Form**

Student's Name: _____

Date: _____ Grade Level: _____ Person Requesting Exit: _____

To be completed by person requesting Exit:

Reason for Exit Request:

Was a furlough from G/T services considered and/or granted? _____

Result of furlough? _____

Gifted/Talented Committee Decision:

_____ Exit Granted

_____ Exit Denied

Note: *Once a student has been exited from Gifted/Talented services, the student is subject to referral and identification to determine educational need for the program before readmission.*

Comments:

Signatures:

Student: _____

Parent: _____

Gifted/Talented Committee Members:

Schulenburg Independent School District

Required Gifted/Talented 30-Hour Training

Educator Name _____

Class	Available from ESC Region 13	Date Completed
1. Nature and Needs of the Gifted	Face-to-face or online	
2. Assessing Student Needs for the G/T Program	Face-to-face or online	
3. Curriculum and Instruction for Gifted Students 1	Face-to-face or online	
4. Curriculum and Instruction for Gifted Students 2	Face-to-face or online	
5. Curriculum and Instruction for Gifted Students 3	Face-to-face or online	

Please attach training certificates or a professional development transcript.

**Schulenburg Independent School District
District Gifted/Talented Coordinator Responsibilities**

August-September	November-December	Spring
<input type="checkbox"/> New district faculty members providing Gifted/Talented services have secured the 30 hours of G/T foundational required professional development. If this is not possible, new faculty must obtain the training within one semester.	<input type="checkbox"/> Place notice of referral for student assessment in local newspaper or on school website. Notice should be available in English as well as Spanish.	<input type="checkbox"/> Conduct and/or oversee administration of assessment instruments to nominated students. <input type="checkbox"/> Serve on G/T Selection Committee
<input type="checkbox"/> Administrators and counselors who have authority to make program decisions, or assess students, should have 6 hours of Nature and Needs of the Gifted professional development.	<input type="checkbox"/> Campus office should have referral forms available.	<input type="checkbox"/> Kindergarten assessment should be completed by mid-February.
<input type="checkbox"/> Campus principals and staff are provided with an updated list of identified Gifted/Talented students.	<input type="checkbox"/> Host a district-wide parent information meeting on identification procedures and program services. Involve teachers from each campus to explain how identified students are served.	<input type="checkbox"/> Meet with Gifted/Talented Committee to discuss qualification of Kindergarten students prior to March 1 . Kinder identified students must receive services by March 1.
<input type="checkbox"/> Documentation of G/T Services forms are disseminated to campus administrators.	<input type="checkbox"/> Obtain written parental permission for assessment of each student.	<input type="checkbox"/> Notify PEIMS coordinator of identified K students prior to March 1 .
<input type="checkbox"/> Annually establish means of informing parents how students will receive services (meeting, letter, web).	<input type="checkbox"/> Maintain staff development records of applicable staff	<input type="checkbox"/> Meet with Gifted/Talented Committee in May to discuss qualification of students in grades 1-12.
<input type="checkbox"/> Make copies of local G/T policy and procedures available at each campus as well as The Texas State Plan for the Education of Gifted/Talented Students upon request by individuals.	<input type="checkbox"/> Maintain G/T Handbook	<input type="checkbox"/> Administer and collect surveys over G/T services from stakeholders. Aggregate data and disseminate to superintendent, campus administrators, school board, and District Improvement Team.
<input type="checkbox"/> Check with PEIMS coding coordinator to confirm correct coding of newly identified students.		<input type="checkbox"/> Collect campus Documentation of G/T Services forms for year
<input type="checkbox"/> Compile identification information and maintain student files.		<input type="checkbox"/> Attend Spring G/T Coordinator meeting at Region 9 in May.
<input type="checkbox"/> Attend workshops, conferences, G/T Directors meetings for professional growth.		<input type="checkbox"/> Send notification to parents requesting permission to participate in the program
<input type="checkbox"/> Coordinate G/T curriculum		<input type="checkbox"/> Continuous communication with parents requesting information
<input type="checkbox"/> Plan G/T Budget		

**Schulenburg Independent School District
Campus Administrator Responsibilities**

August-September	November-December	Spring
<input type="checkbox"/> New campus faculty members providing Gifted/Talented services have secured the 30 hours of G/T foundational required professional development. If this is not possible before the school year begins, new faculty must obtain the training within one semester.	<input type="checkbox"/> Make available referral forms for parents and community members who wish to nominate a student for testing. Notice should be available in English as well as Spanish.	<input type="checkbox"/> Assist district G/T Coordinator in administering and collecting surveys over G/T services from teachers, students, and parents.
<input type="checkbox"/> Campus G/T teachers are provided with an updated list of identified Gifted/Talented students.	<input type="checkbox"/> Maintain staff development records of G/T teaching staff	<input type="checkbox"/> Campus Improvement Plans should contain at least one indicator for improvement of G/T services each year based on campus survey data.
<input type="checkbox"/> Campus G/T teachers are provided with copy of local G/T policy and procedures as well as The Texas State Plan for the Education of Gifted/Talented Students (http://ritter.tea.state.tx.us/gted/GTStatePlanEnglishAug05.pdf).	<input type="checkbox"/> As PDAS walk-throughs and observations are conducted, look for evidence of teachers using Depth and Complexity with their G/T students as well as requiring advanced level products and performances.	<input type="checkbox"/> As spring identification are finalized, place copy of student profile for qualifying students in permanent records
<input type="checkbox"/> Establish means of informing parents how students will receive services (meeting, letter, web site).	<input type="checkbox"/> Assure current G/T teaching faculty have obtained a 6-hour G/T credit professional development update	<input type="checkbox"/> If identified students are moving to another campus, assist district G/T Coordinator to collect students' portfolios and send to new campus.
<input type="checkbox"/> Maintain several copies of local Gifted/Talented policy and procedures as well as The Texas State Plan for the Education of Gifted/Talented Students available to G/T parents upon request		<input type="checkbox"/> Serve on Selection Committee
<input type="checkbox"/> Check with PEIMS coding coordinator to confirm correct coding of newly identified students.		<input type="checkbox"/> Serve on Furlough and Exit Committees
<input type="checkbox"/> Check to confirm student portfolios are received by students' new teachers and maintained throughout the year.		<input type="checkbox"/> Collect grievances and recommendations for program improvement.

**Schulenburg Independent School District
G/T Teacher Responsibilities**

Beginning of Year	Ongoing	End-of-Year
<input type="checkbox"/> If this is your first year to provide Gifted/Talented services, make sure you have secured the 30 hours of G/T foundational required professional development. If this is not possible prior to the school year beginning, it must be obtained before the end of the first semester. Maintain copies of professional development records as proof of training.	<input type="checkbox"/> Differentiate for identified students on a regular basis through incorporating Depth and Complexity, as well as advanced products and performances. Other means of differentiation can be offered at your discretion based on student needs. Grades should always be based on grade-level TEKS.	<input type="checkbox"/> Assist district G/T Coordinator and campus administrator in administering and collecting surveys over G/T services from teachers, students, and parents.
<input type="checkbox"/> Obtain a current list of identified Gifted/Talented students.	<input type="checkbox"/> Maintain student portfolios, adding one product/performance per semester.	<input type="checkbox"/> Send student portfolios to the next grade level. Check with your campus administrator if you are unsure of who should receive them.
<input type="checkbox"/> Obtain a copy of local G/T policy and procedures as well as The Texas State Plan for the Education of Gifted/Talented Students from your campus administrator. Familiarize yourself with district and state requirements.	<input type="checkbox"/> Make sure you have received 6-hours of G/T update professional development credit each year you provide Gifted/Talented services and maintain copy of certificate for proof.	<input type="checkbox"/> Evaluate students to determine cognitive growth.
<input type="checkbox"/> Coordinate with your campus administrator to establish a means of informing parents how students will receive services (meeting, letter, website, etc.).		
<input type="checkbox"/> If parents of identified students request copies of local Gifted/Talented policy and/or procedures, as well as The Texas State Plan for the Education of Gifted/Talented Students, secure copies from your campus administrator.		
<input type="checkbox"/> Locate student portfolios through your campus administrator and add one product/performance for the student each semester.		
<input type="checkbox"/> Provide G/T Coordinator with referrals of potentially gifted students		

