

## Advanced Academics Program Announcement

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The Canutillo Independent School District's Department of Advanced Academic Studies offers programs for qualified gifted and talented students in grades K-5. The elementary GT program is designed to group young gifted learners together for part of the school day to address their unique intellectual, social, and emotional needs. Elementary GT students receive services two days a week through the use of pullouts with a trained GT teacher.

A parent, teacher, himself or herself, or any other person may nominate any elementary student for testing. Students are qualified for GT services using a combination of qualitative and quantitative measures to include a non-verbal intelligence test, achievement test, portfolios, and parent/teacher observations.

The campus Screening and Identification Committee reviews and evaluates all of the screening criteria for each nominated student. Members of the committee are trained in the special needs of gifted students. Those students who do not qualify will have appeal options.

Gifted students who participate in the elementary pullout program spend the year working on the Texas State Performance Standard.

The Gifted and Talented program at Canutillo ISD will implement the following testing schedule.

Grade Level	<b>Testing Dates</b>
5 <sup>th</sup> Grade	September
4 <sup>th</sup> Grade	October
3 <sup>rd</sup> Grade	November
2 <sup>nd</sup> Grade	January
1 <sup>st</sup> Grade	February
Kindergarten	March- April

If you wish to have your child participate in the screening process for the elementary GT program, please fill out the Nomination and Permission to test. If you would like more information of the identification and screening process, or about the program, please contact your elementary GT teacher.

Advanced Academics Teacher

