



## Canutillo Independent School District

### Gifted and Talented Kindergarten Screening

Dear Kindergarten Parent,

**The Texas State Plan for Gifted and Talented Education requires districts to screen all kindergarten students for gifted and talented services.**

Canutillo ISD asks its kindergarten teachers to complete an observation form for each of their students in March. This observation form highlights areas that **may** indicate gifted potential.

Upon review of the observation form, qualifying students will begin GT testing.

**Typically, about 5% of students qualify for gifted testing.** You will be notified if that is the case for your child. We will not administer tests to your child without your permission. *If your child does not qualify this year, they can be nominated for testing in the spring of their first grade year.* Nomination forms are available at your school.

Testing for gifted and talented services include a non-verbal assessment, an achievement test, a parent questionnaire, and all academic data that is available.

Kindergarten students who qualify for GT services will participate in a GT pull-out program in first grade.

Our GT pull-out program allows students to participate in research and project based activities that enhance the information they receive from their regular teacher. Twice a week they will spend 45 minutes with a qualified GT teacher completing rigorous work that supports their academic growth.

If you have any questions, please contact me or the GT teacher on your campus.

Thank You,

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