

# HORIZONS IDENTIFICATION PROCESS

A Guide to Parent Referrals for GT Program Eligibility in CFISD

A parent's first step is to review the information located on the HORIZONS website:

[www.cfisd.net/en/parents-students/academics/gifted-talented/](http://www.cfisd.net/en/parents-students/academics/gifted-talented/) especially

- Program Overview
- Parent Information
- Testing for the HORIZONS Program

Parents should discuss appropriateness of GT testing referrals with child's teacher(s) and/or campus elementary Counselor or secondary Director of Instruction.

Parents, teachers, counselors and other interested parties can refer students for HORIZONS at any time. Referrals must be received by the last school day in November for students to participate in mid-year testing.

Parents/guardians can obtain the **Parent Survey and Permission to Test** form from ONLY their child's campus. Completed forms must be returned to the elementary campus Counselor or the secondary Director of Instruction by the last school day in November in order for students to participate in mid-year testing.

Referred students' information is placed on the Mid-year Testing Roster by Counselors/Directors of Instruction; students are then scheduled for testing.

Testing is administered on campus during school hours on a date set by the campus during the district testing window.

Testing includes the administration of two nationally-normed standardized abilities tests.

Selection committees consider all abilities scores and survey information before making a recommendation.

Students whose data shows a need for additional support qualify for HORIZONS services. Results are then sent home to parents from each campus.

Students whose data does not show a need for additional support do not qualify for HORIZONS services. Those wishing to appeal the committee's decision should review the **Appeals Process** guide.