# Gifted and Talented News



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### **Communication**

#### **Campus Newsletters**

Each campus will share newsletters in November and April. The newsletters will be sent via email and posted on the campus G/T website. If you do not receive a copy, please contact the G/T Liaison at your child's campus. Contact information is included on the previous slides..





### **Elementary Progress Monitoring Reports**

At the elementary level, progress monitoring reports were shared at the end of the first semester. If you did not receive one, contact your child's teacher. The next progress report will be shared at the end of the end of the second semester.



#### **Campus Webpages**

The G/T Liaison at each campus manages a G/T webpage. Please click on THIS LINK to view the webpage for each campus. Each page should have the most recent newsletter for the campus.



# **Academic Contests**

Click on images below for more information.



Each year, our annual "I Am Texas" theme encourages student contestants to use historical artifacts found in The Bryan Museum as inspiration to express their creativity.

### Scholarship Opportunities

TAGT offers over \$30,000 annually in student scholarship opportunities for K-12 students. For more information, click on <u>THIS LINK</u>.

2025 TAGT scholarships are now open! The deadline for 2025 applications is February 28, 2025.



The Hays CISD Counseling
Department created a
scholarship newsletter which
can be viewed at THIS LINK.







Click on <u>THIS LINK</u> to view a list of scholarships for high school and college students.



### **TAGT Legislative Updates**

#### **TAGT Legislative Update Newsletter Coming Soon!**

The legislative year is kicking off, and TAGT is ready to champion the needs of gifted and talented students across Texas! Starting soon, TAGT will send out weekly legislative updates to keep you informed and equipped with the tools you need for advocacy. Subscribe to receive the TAGT Legislative Newsletter here.

TAGT is committed to supporting you as an advocate for gifted education. For more resources, visit TAGT's <u>Advocacy homepage</u>.



# **Upcoming Events**

#### G/T Parent Meetup: Summer Opportunities

March 5 at 6:00 pm in the Boardroom at the Academic Support Center (21003 IH 35 in Kyle)

### SAT School Day for 11th Graders

March 26, 2025
If you have any questions, contact the counselor at your child's campus.



### January - May: Campus IDEAS showcases

- Innovators
- Designers
- Engineers
- Artists
- Storytellers



# **Upcoming Events**

#### **GT Parent Conference 2025**

Join Gifted Education Family Network (GEFN) and our university partners for our annual GT Parent Conference! We are offering a full day of conference sessions that address critical issues in parenting gifted students, such as debunking common myths about gifted kids, advocating for your child, and accessing services. Our Conference provides an opportunity for you to meet with parents of other gifted students, share experiences, learn from each other, and build relationships. **GEFN members can use code GEFNGT25 when they register to receive 50% off the registration fee.** Please note that the registration fee includes lunch as well as the event itself. Families seeking additional financial assistance to attend can submit this financial aid application to Baylor. If you are interested in making a donation to GEFN to provide additional scholarship funds for families with financial need, you can do so using this link. All online donations made via the link will be earmarked for these conference scholarships.

Date: March 29, 2025

Time: 9:00 a.m.- 3:30 p.m. CST

Location: Baylor University Campus

**Registration Link** 







### **G/T Spotlight Award**

Each year we recognize individuals who provide quality services to support the academic and social and emotional needs of gifted students. This can be any staff member including counselors, teachers, instructional coaches, administrators, etc. Nominations were made by parents and co-workers. One staff member was selected as the honoree for each campus. Please review the staff members who were recognized for each campus for the 2023 - 2024 school year on the following slides. If you are interested in nominating someone for the 2024 - 2025 award, please <a href="CLICK HERE">CLICK HERE</a>.



### G/T Organizations

These are independent organizations not associated with Hays CISD that provide support for families of students identified as Gifted and Talented.



The Texas Association for the Gifted & Talented (TAGT) connects and empowers educators and parents to meet the unique needs of gifted and talented students from every cultural background who see the world in unique ways and are developing minds that just might discover innovative answers to the most challenging questions of their generation.

Chartered in 1978, TAGT is the nation's largest state advocacy group of its kind, providing more than 4,000 members a forum for exchanging ideas and information about the education of G/T students. TAGT recognizes the unique social, emotional, and intellectual needs of gifted and talented students and provides educational services to meet these needs. TAGT is statewide, individual membership association and is classified as a 501(c) 3 charitable nonprofit organization.

#### **TAGT Mission Statement**

The Texas Association for the Gifted & Talented connects and empowers educators and parents to meet the unique needs of gifted and talented individuals through awareness, advocacy, and action.

#### **TAGT Vision Statement**

The Texas Association for the Gifted & Talented strives to positively impact the lives of gifted and talented individuals by providing relevant, innovative programs and services through an engaged, diverse membership.



The TAGT Podcast covers a wide range of topics, all focused on the unique needs and experiences of gifted and talented individuals. Here's a glimpse of what you can expect:

**Interviews:** Experts from the field of gifted education come together to share their knowledge, insights, and best practices.

**Insights:** Discover innovative teaching strategies, curriculum ideas, and classroom experiences tailored to gifted students.

**Parenting Support:** Get guidance and tips for parenting gifted children, including navigating challenges and nurturing their talents. **Advocacy and Action:** Learn about the latest advocacy efforts and

actions that are shaping the world of gifted education in Texas and beyond.

**Spotlights:** Hear from gifted and talented students, educators, and coordinators themselves as they share their achievements, challenges, and aspirations.



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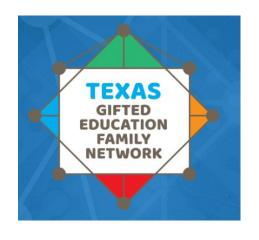
SENG is a nonprofit network of people who guide gifted, talented, and twice-exceptional individuals to reach their goals intellectually, physically, emotionally, socially, and spiritually.







NAGC is the nation's leading organization focused on the needs of gifted and talented children. Dedicated to uplifting and empowering those who support children with advanced abilities, NAGC provides energizing professional learning, impactful research, and inspiring advocacy to ensure all children have equitable opportunities and support to develop their gifts and talents.



The Gifted Education Family Network of Texas supports excellence and equity in gifted education by engaging in activities in three areas: (a) connecting families who have an interest in gifted education, (b) educating and supporting families on topics related to gifted education and talent development, and (c) advocating for strong, vibrant, and appropriately challenging education programs that benefit students who demonstrate exceptional performance or the potential for exceptional performance.

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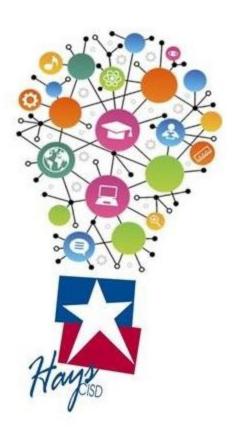
### District G/T Website



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