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# Gifted & Talented Supports & Services

Parent Information Meeting  
September 28, 2023



# Texas says...

A gifted/talented student is 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

- exhibits high-performance capability in an intellectual, creative, or artistic area;
- possesses an unusual capacity for leadership; or
- excels in a specific academic field.

(Texas Education Code §29.121)

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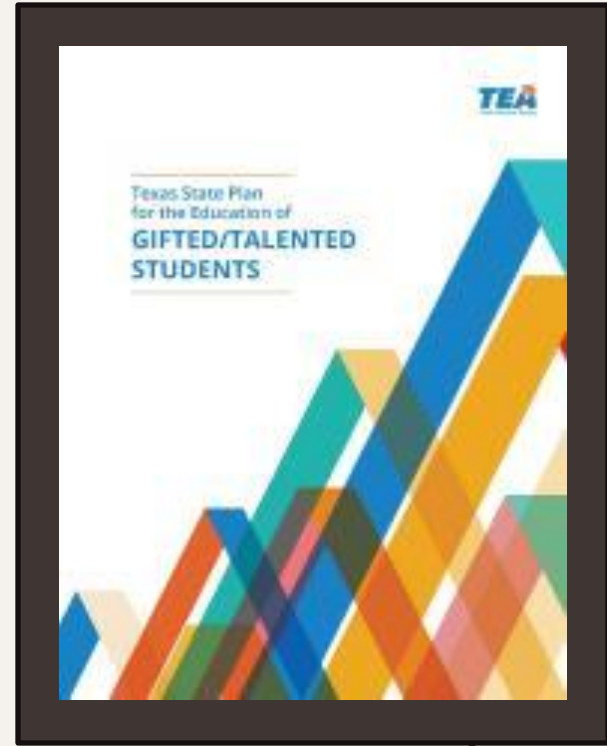
# Why?

The mission of Keller ISD's Gifted and Talented Services is to advocate for and empower students by equitably providing gifted students with cognitive, social, and emotional support through intentionally designed opportunities so that they may attain personal growth in order to meet their potential and pursue their passion.



# State Plan...

**The Texas State Plan for the Education of Gifted/Talented Students** provides requirements for and guidance to Texas public school districts as they meet the unique needs of the gifted and talented student population in Texas.



# GT Supports & Services

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### Excel Pullout

1 hour/week  
Spring semester

## 1st/2nd

### Cluster & Excel

1 ½ hours/week

## 3rd/4th

### Cluster & Excel

2 hours/week

## 5th/6th

### Cluster & Excel

Elem: 2 hours/week  
Int/Middle: 3 – 45  
minute sessions

## 7th/8th

### Illuminate

Advisory course  
2 days/week, High  
School courses

## 9th - 12th

### Adv. Courses

AP, Dual Credit,  
Collegiate Academy,  
CTE

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# Meet the GT Specialists & Liaisons!

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# Differentiation in the GT Cluster Classroom

GT Trained teachers and GT  
Specialists work together


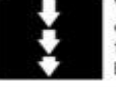






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# Depth & Complexity



The objective is to initiate a more advanced and extensive understanding of the subject by taking the learner from the concrete to the abstract and connecting learning across multiple subjects.

 <p><b>Origin</b> What are the origins of baseball?</p>	 <p><b>Contribution</b> What has contributed to the popularity of baseball?</p>
 <p><b>Paradox</b> Examine the paradox of baseball. What doesn't make sense? Does anything seem wrong?</p>	 <p><b>Parallel</b> What sports parallel baseball?</p>
 <p><b>Convergence</b> What factors (skills) converge for people to play baseball?</p>	 <p><b>Impact</b> What impact has baseball had on American culture?</p>

## Content Imperatives



# Super Seven: Thinking Skills



**Autonomy**



**Creativity**



**Critical Thinking**



**Collaboration**



**Communication**



**Growth Mindset**



**Ethics**



Keller Community of Gifted Student Supporters

**As parents of gifted children, it our duty and our opportunity to work in conjunction with other parents, educators and administrators to educate, advocate and support one another as we guide our children into adulthood.**

# Meet the 2023-2024 COGSS Board



**President**

*Danny Gorton*



**1st VP - Membership**

*Basilia Trejo*



**2nd VP - Programs**

*Ashley Clark*



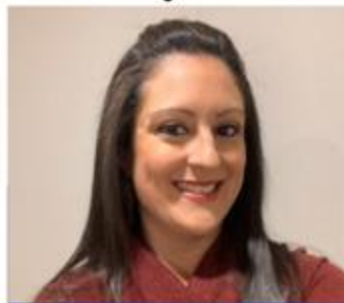
**Treasurer**

*Zhengqi Summers*



**Secretary**

*Lydia Baldwin*



**Communications Chair**

*Monica Galvez*

# Why should you join COGSS?

## Benefits of a COGSS Membership

- Community
  - A chance to meet other parents of gifted children and build relationships.
  - A voice in the decision making process for COGSS
- Support
  - Advocating for GT-identified students
- Resources
  - Membership with Texas Association for the Gifted & Talented (TAGT)
  - Quarterly community events

# Membership

QR Membership Code



<https://tinyurl.com/COGSS-Membership>

QR Payment Code



<https://tinyurl.com/COGSS-Dues>

# How can we support our teachers?





# Park Meet & Greet

🕒 September 30th @ 9:30 am

📍 7451 Starnes Rd.  
North Richland Hills, TX 76182

Join  
-US!

# Subscribe to our Newsletter





# Purpose Check...

## GT Identification Process

I have a Kindergartener, What's my process?

## More about Services and Opportunities

My Student is already identified as needing gifted services.

**GT Identification:**  
**Kindergarten Parents**

Destination

Imagination

# Kinder through 2nd Grade GT Curriculum

## Primary Education Thinking Skills

- Convergent Analysis
- Divergent Synthesis
- Visual/Spatial Thinking
- Evaluation

## Social Emotional Gifted Needs

- Perfectionism
- Anxiety
- Understanding their Brain



# 3rd & 4th Grade GT Curriculum

## Goals

- Extension of Classroom TEKS
- Depth of Content Connections
- Authentic Application of Content
- Interpersonal & Intrapersonal Skills



## Topics

- Seuss-ineering - Design Thinking
- Bebbras - Computational & Logical Math Challenge
- Coding
- Ethics
- Vioneering / Imagineering



# 5th & 6th Grade GT Curriculum

Accelerated  
Courses in  
Math!

## Goals

- Extension of Classroom TEKS
- Depth of Content Connections
- Authentic Application of Content

## Topics

- Global Citizenship



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# 7th & 8th Grade GT Curriculum

## Goals

- Extension of Classroom TEKS
- Depth of Content Connections
- Authentic Application of Content

## Topics

- Conscious Inquiry
- Executive Functioning



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**High School  
Courses!**

# 9th – 12th Grade GT Supports

College  
and Career  
Counselors

## **Keller Collegiate Academy**

- Health Science Focus
- Associates Degree & Certifications

## **All High Schools**

- Advanced Placement courses (AP)
- Dual Credit courses
- Advanced CTE courses

## **Academic Decathlon**

## **Academic UIL**

## **AP Capstone**

## **Debate**





[www.texaschess.org/](http://www.texaschess.org/)

# WANT TO PLAY CHESS?

## Texas Chess Association

(Not directly affiliated with Keller ISD)

### Alliance Chess Club (All Ages)

*When: Tuesday 6:30pm-9:00pm*

*Where: La Madeleine*

*8825 North Fwy, Unit 109, Ft. Worth*

### NRH Children's Chess Club

*When: Tuesday 4:00pm-5:00pm*

*Where: North Richland Hills Library*

*9015 Grand Avenue, North Richland Hills*

### Lake Arlington Children's Chess Club

*When: Monday 5:00pm-6:30pm*

*Where: Lake Arlington Public Library*

*4000 W Green Oaks Blvd, Arlington*

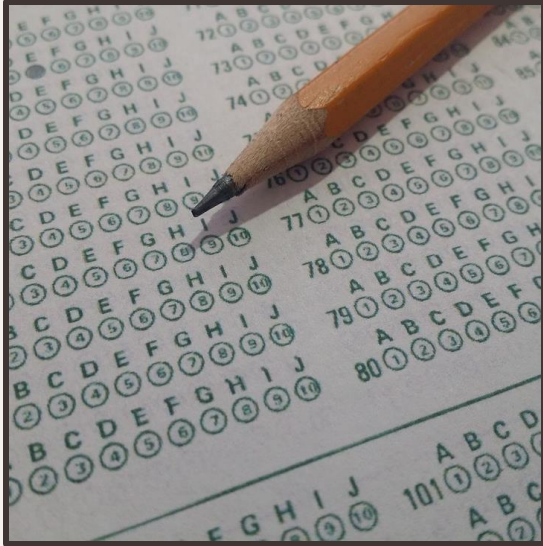
Visit [new.uschess.org/upcoming-tournaments](http://new.uschess.org/upcoming-tournaments)  
for information about local tournament opportunities





**Welcome  
Back!**

# Advanced Academic Acceleration



Students can earn credit for a course of study through Credit by Exams (CBEs) without having to take the class.

This allows the student to adjust their course schedule and have opportunities for other courses that they might be interested in and ready for.

# Advanced Academics Advisory Committee

This committee will study and review current advanced academic services and make recommendations for strengthening these services in K-12 to ensure students are able to achieve their full potential in connection with the Keller ISD Core Values.

Advanced Academics areas of interest are, but not limited to, Gifted and Talented, Advanced Acceleration, AP & Honors classes, Dual Credit, academic clubs/competitions, and support of our students while they reach for their collegiate level opportunities and advanced academics recognition like National Merit Scholarships.

This committee will meet at least 4 times a school year.

# Role of the AAAC...

The Advanced Academic Advisory Committee (AAAC) is an Advisory group for district functions of the Advanced Academics Department.

The committee is designed to gain stakeholder feedback and advice with a specific focus on improving advanced academics services and issues.

An advisory committee is a collection of individuals who bring unique knowledge and skills which enhance the knowledge and skills of the district administration in order to more effectively guide the Advanced Academics services and related issues in Keller ISD.





**Thank  
You!**