



**Morgan Mill ISD**

## **Gifted and Talented Identification and Placement**

### **Referral**

- Students can be referred by teacher(s), staff, or parent(s)/guardian(s) by filling out a GT referral form.
- Kindergartners are referred through a portfolio process kept by the kindergarten teacher.

### **Testing & Identification**

- Once students are referred, the following steps occur:
  - Parents either consent or do not consent to testing. If a parent does not consent to testing, the student is not tested or placed in GT.
  - Parents complete a Parent Inventory Questionnaire.
  - Teachers complete a Teacher Inventory Questionnaire.
  - The students are given the Sages screening assessment.
- The results from each of these tools, as well as the portfolio for kindergartners and STAAR scores for students in grades 3-8, are entered into MMISD's GT matrix.
- Students must score 80% or above on the matrix to qualify for the GT committee's consideration.
- The GT committee meets to determine whether students meet the criteria to be placed in GT.
- All GT students are retested in 4th grade to determine continued eligibility.

### **GT Program**

- MMISD's GT program is a pull out program. Students meet with the GT teacher(s) twice a week to complete lessons and activities which will enrich their learning experience.

### **Exiting the Program**

- A student may be considered for exit from services if it is in his/her best interest and/or if GT services do not seem to be the most educationally appropriate setting for the student. The petition for exit may be initiated by:

- request from the parent to exit the student;
  - request from a teacher or administrator to exit the student; or
  - request from the student to exit services.
- Exit from services will be accomplished by petitioning the selection committee for removal. A conference shall be held within ten (10) working days of the request to exit. This conference should include the student, parent(s)/guardian(s), building administrator, GT teacher(s), and classroom teacher(s).
- If a teacher initiates the petition, that teacher shall provide documentation to support his/her contention for removal from services.
- If a student or parent(s)/guardian(s) requests removal, the district will honor that request after a conference with the selection committee.
- Once exited, a student must complete the screening/testing process to be identified as GT.