



Advanced Academic Studies

Tyler Independent School District

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TO: Parents/Guardians of TISD Students

FROM: Cindy Woody, District Coordinator of Advanced Academic Studies

RE: Nominations for Talent Pool and Gifted and Talented

Tyler Independent School District is accepting nominations for assessment of giftedness in students who show high academic potential. Anyone can nominate a student for assessment, including parents, other relatives, guardians, school personnel, and others.

Nomination forms can be requested from your child's classroom teacher and are also available on the Tyler ISD Website under "About: Departments: Advanced Studies," or <http://www.tylerisd.org/DEPARTMENTS/Advanced%20Studies/Nomination%20Process.htm>. All forms are due by January 29, 2010.

- Step 1: Nominating person completes the nomination form.
- Step 2: Parent/Guardian completes the permission to test/bus form.
- Step 3: Parents fill out the parent packet.
- Step 4: (Optional) Parents submit a sample of the child's work
- Step 5: Teacher fills out a data review sheet containing the student's contact information, grades, test scores, and other information.
- Step 6: Stage I Screening (at campus level)
- Step 7: Stage II Screening (at district level)

You will be notified of your child's status when assessment is complete. Kindergarten students who qualify for Talent Pool will be served in their regular classroom until they are nominated for full assessment in the second semester of first grade. Older students who qualify for the program will begin receiving gifted services in the fall of 2010. If you have any questions about the nomination or assessment process, please feel free to call my office at (903)-262-3498. Thank you for your support.