

**MIMI FARLEY/BLAKEMORE MIDDLE  
SCHOOL**



**GIFTED AND TALENTED  
HANDBOOK**

**NOMINATION:** Students may be nominated for the gifted and talented program by teachers, counselors, parents, or other community member. Nominations are open twice during the school year. The days open for nominations are the first two weeks in the months of November and February.

**SELECTION:** A selection committee to include principal, counselor, and teacher (s) shall evaluate each nominated student according to the established criteria for Boys Ranch ISD. That criteria being samples of student work/projects, and teacher/staff observations of the nominee. The committee shall be composed of at least three professional educators who have received training in the nature and needs of gifted students.

**PARENTAL CONSENT:** Written parental consent shall be obtained before any special testing or individual assessment is conducted as part of the screening and identification process.

**IDENTIFICATION CRITERIA:** Criteria to identify gifted and talented students shall ensure the fair assessment of students and in accordance with the state of Texas definition of gifted and talented.

**ASSESSMENT:** Data collected through both objective and subjective assessments shall be measured against the criteria approved to determine individual eligibility for the program.

**NOTIFICATION:** Parents will be notified in writing of the decision of the selection committee for the gifted and talented program. Participation in any program or services provided for gifted and talented students is voluntary.

**REASSESSMENT:** The district shall not perform routine reassessments. A student who does not meet criteria for placement shall not be reassessed for a full school year and must be re-nominated.

**TRANSFER STUDENTS:** When a student is identified as gifted and talented by a previous school district, Boys Ranch ISD will honor that placement and allow that student to continue with their GT status. Students will be held to local expectations concerning rules for being in the program.

**FURLOUGHS:** A student who is unable to maintain a passing grade in his/her core classes and/or unable to maintain satisfactory performance within the structure of the gifted and talented program may be placed on furlough by the selection committee.

A student may be furloughed for a period of time deemed appropriate by the selection committee. At the end of the furlough, the student's progress shall be reassessed, and the student may reenter the gifted program, be considered for exit from the program, or be placed on another furlough.

**EXIT PROVISIONS:** Student performance in the program shall be monitored. A student shall be removed from the program at any time the selection committee determines it in the student's best interest. If a student or parent requests removal from the program, the selection committee shall meet with the parent and student before honoring the request.

**APPEALS:** A parent or student may appeal the final decision of the selection committee regarding selection for or removal from the gifted program. Appeals shall be made to the selection committee.

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GIFTED AND TALENTED PROGRAM  
STUDENT NOMINATION FORM**

Name of student \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Campus Name \_\_\_\_\_ Grade \_\_\_\_\_ SSN \_\_\_\_\_

Date of birth \_\_\_\_\_ Parent/Caseworker \_\_\_\_\_

Teacher(s) Name \_\_\_\_\_

Person nominating \_\_\_\_\_

**Specific observations or criteria why this student should be considered for gifted and talented testing:** \_\_\_\_\_

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**Campus Principal Signature** \_\_\_\_\_

