



**Overview of Gifted and
Talented Services
Lago Vista ISD**

Session Goals

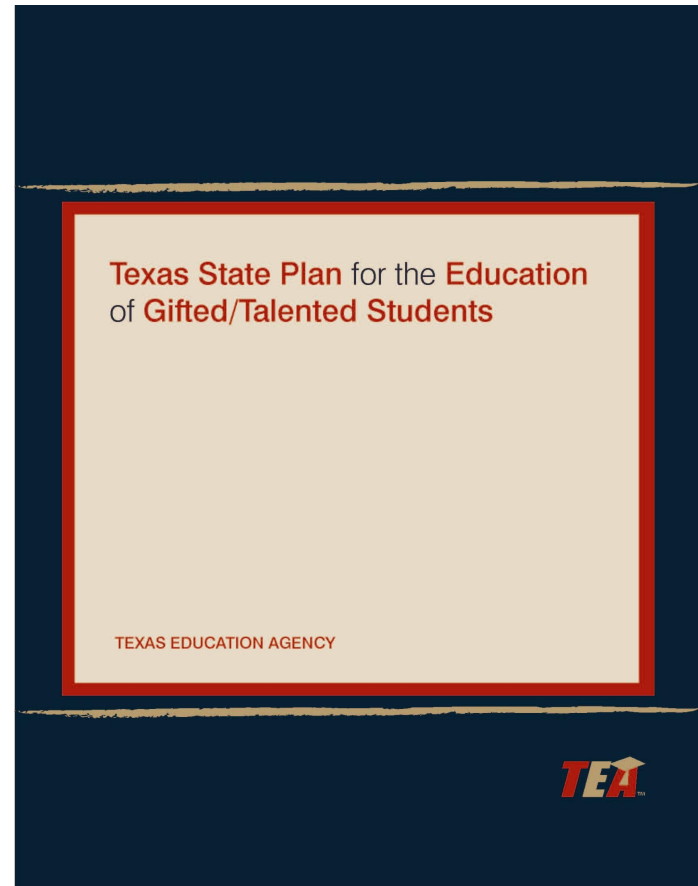
- Program overview
- Basics of differentiated instruction
- Discuss Duke TIP and the District's PSAT testing program & resources
- Discuss the Texas Association of Gifted and Talented (TAGT) and other parent resources
- Provide information related to the Spring G/T Showcase

LVISD Gifted and Talented Program

- Service design is guided by the [*Texas State Plan for the Education of Gifted/Talented Students*](#).
- Offers students opportunities to work with gifted peers, other students, and independently.
- Learning opportunities that emphasize content in the four (4) foundation curricular areas.
- Focus on integration of the [Texas Performance Standards Project](#) for outside audiences at the Spring G/T Showcase. (Recommended)
- K-12 G/T services coordinated by an educator with a G/T endorsement and supplementary certification. (Exemplary)

The Texas State Plan

- Texas Administrative Code (TAC)
- Texas Education Code (TEC)
- Recommendations based on research-based best practices



Goals & Areas of Focus

- Exemplary Program Recommendations
 - Yearly awareness campaign during referral period
 - The population of G/T identified students is reflective of the population of the total district
 - Additional funding from business partners, parent group fundraiser, etc. is used to supplement state and local funding
 - Long-range professional development plan

Elementary & Intermediate Services

- Identified G/T students are **clustered** in classes at each grade level
- All core subject teachers have the state required G/T training and provide appropriately **challenging learning experiences**
- G/T specialist provides **pull-out four times per week** during RtI time to work on TPSP projects & enrichment
- Students participate in the annual **Spring G/T Showcase**
- Students participate in a yearly **G/T field trip**



Conducting research



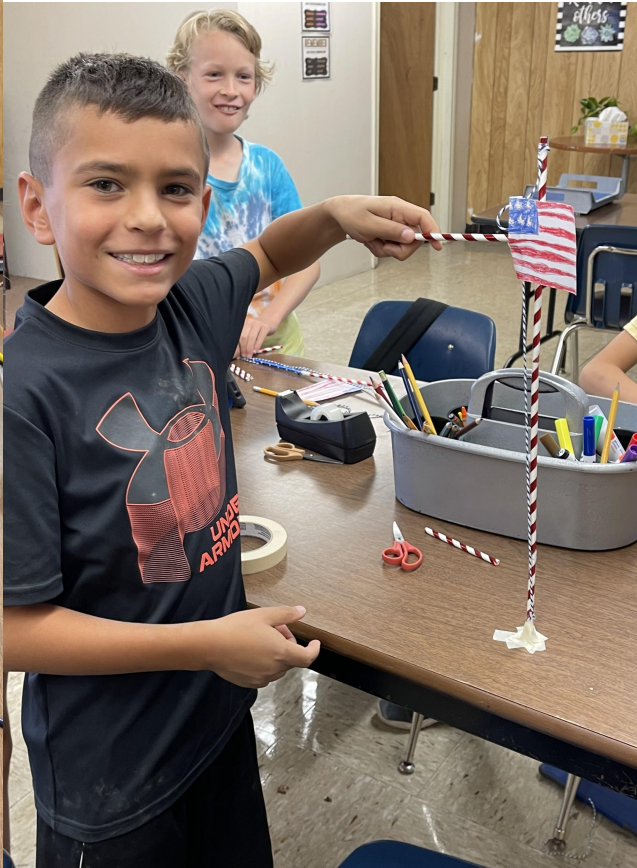
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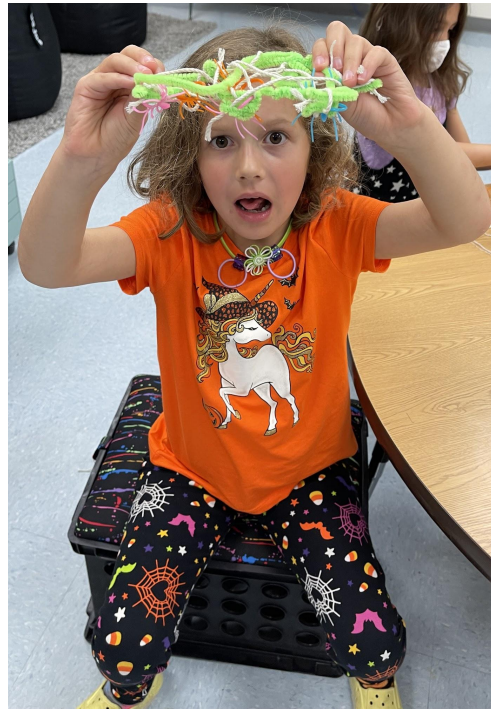
Story Writing in Google Slides



Freedom Week Challenge



Monthly Themed Challenge





Planning, designing,
creating!



Middle School Services

- Identified G/T students are **clustered** in classes through College Readiness coursework
- All core subject teachers have the state required G/T training and provide appropriately **challenging learning experiences**
- Identified students in grades 6-8 are offered a **Critical Thinking through Cultural Awareness elective**
- Students participate in the annual **Spring G/T Showcase**
- Students participate in a yearly **G/T field trip**

High School Services

- Identified students are encouraged to take [College Readiness, AP, and/or dual credit courses](#) in the areas in which they excel. There are a variety of College Readiness, OnRamps, and AP courses offered on each campus. For a complete listing, see the High School Course Guide.
- Identified G/T students are offered the [Independent Study Mentorship Program](#) which allows them to work individually with a mentor who will help the student arrange internships, field work/visits, interviews, and long-term projects. Course projects, if of professional quality, may meet the Advanced Measures requirement of the Distinguished Achievement Program. Course receives weighted credit.
- Students who participate in the Independent Study Mentorship Program may also present at the [Spring G/T Showcase](#).

High School Services

- We are proud to offer the AP Capstone[®] program.
- AP Capstone is built on the foundation of a new two-year high school course sequence and is designed to complement and enhance the in-depth, discipline-specific study provided through other AP courses.
- The AP Capstone curriculum fosters inquiry, research, collaboration, and writing skills through the intensive investigation of topics from multiple perspectives.

AP Capstone Program Model

A two-course sequence that provides students with the critical thinking and research skills needed to succeed in college and stand-out in the admission process

AP Capstone Diploma™

Students who earn scores of 3 or higher on the AP Seminar and AP Research Exams and on four additional AP Exams of their choosing will receive the **AP Capstone Diploma™**.

AP SEMINAR

Team Project & Presentation

Research-Based Essay & Presentation

Written Exam

AP RESEARCH

Academic Thesis

Public Presentation & Defense

4 AP COURSES & EXAMS
(Taken at any point throughout high school)

AP Research & Seminar Certificate™

Students who earn scores of 3 or higher on the AP Seminar and AP Research Exams only will receive the **AP Seminar and Research Certificate™**

Differentiation Basics

- Meets the needs of students by modifying one of three things:
 - Content (What Students Learn)
 - Process (How Students Learn)
 - Product (How Students Demonstrate Learning)
- Clustering of G/T students helps to better ensure that high ability students are provided appropriate learning opportunities in the regular classroom.

Baylor TIP

- Register for and take the above-level the College Readiness Assessment (CRA) or the Indicator of Academic Readiness (IAR) (online or in paper form).
- Receive a detailed score report that includes educational recommendations.
- Students who qualify for Baylor TIP are eligible to participate in learning opportunities offered by the Center, including University for Young People (UYP).
- Students will be honored in a recognition ceremony, which will be held in May each year.

To participate, a student must meet one of the following:

- **one of the district's top-performing scores on the previous year's STAAR test (based on state or local norms, with local norms being preferred)**
- **accepted to the district's gifted and talented program**
- **be recommended by an educator as a student with potential for performing at a high level.**

Fourth-, fifth-, and sixth-grade students will take either the CRA 8/9 or IAR 8/9 exam.

Seventh- and eighth-grade students will take either the CRA or IAR exam.

District PSAT Program

- Students take the **PSAT 8/9** (free of charge) in grades 8 and 9.
- Students take the **PSAT NMSQT** (free of charge) in grades 10 and 11.
- Students take the **SAT** (free of charge) in grade 10.
- Testing is funded by the District and through a generous grant from the **Lago Vista ISD Education Foundation**.

Why the PSAT?

- Identify academic strengths and areas for growth.
- Practice for the SAT that will have an impact on the college application process.
- **FREE** personalized SAT & college planning tools online.
- Possibilities for **National Merit Scholarship Program** in 11th grade.

Khan Academy & Big Future Access

Using the **FREE** access provided by College Board, students can access:

- An online score report
- A customized SAT study plan with free access to Khan Academy
- Access to Big Future - an interactive majors, college, and career exploration program
- Feedback on readiness for specific AP courses
- Access to scholarship information

Khan Academy & Big Future Access

- Students who have not yet taken the PSAT can take an **online diagnostic test** that will be used to create a personalized study plan.
- **PARENTS** can sign up to track their child's/children's progress so you can support their individual learning needs.
- Signing up is **completely free** for you and your child/children.

PSAT Parent Information

- Create a parent or student account at satpractice.org
- **Thursday, December 2 (Tentative)**
PSAT NMSQT Score Distribution Night
- **Monday, December 6 - Tuesday, December 7**
Online PSAT NMSQT scores are available
- Access code to Khan Academy tool is on your student's score report!

G/T Parent Resources

- Texas Association of Gifted and Talented (TAGT)
- Lago Vista ISD G/T Website
 - G/T Skills Frameworks
 - Handbook
 - Newsletter
- Texas Performance Standards Project (TPSP)

Spring G/T Showcase



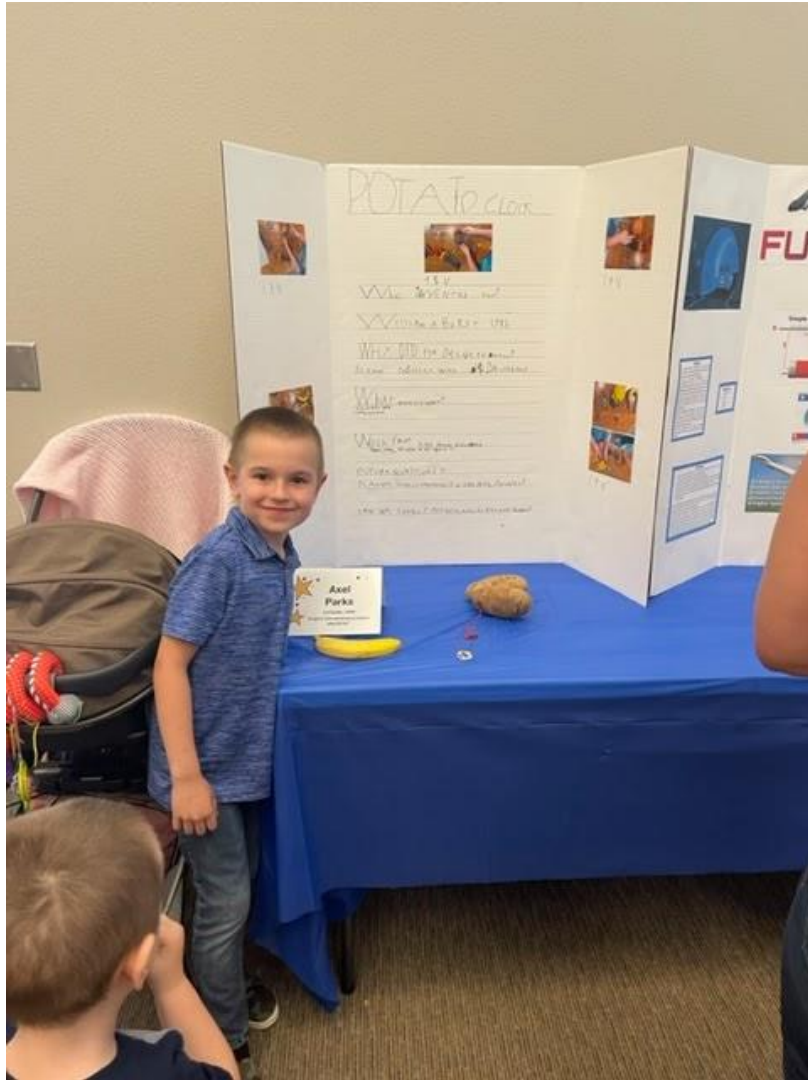
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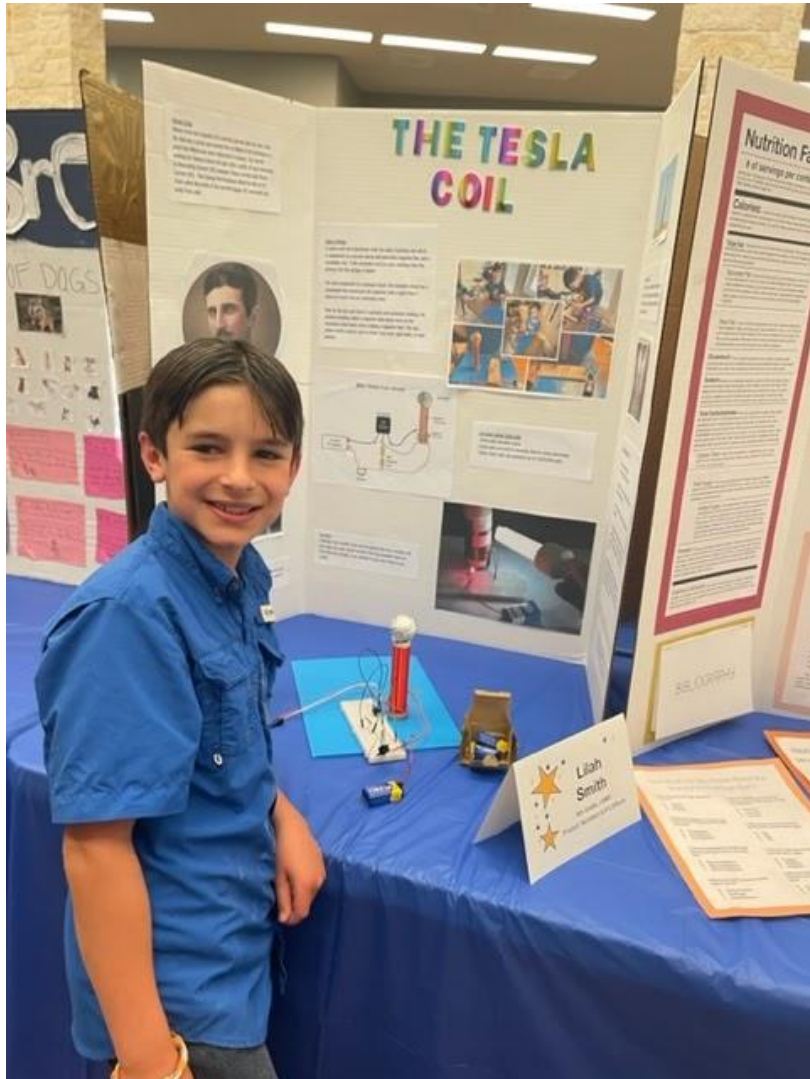
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Entry Forms Due TBA

G/T Showcase TBA

See Mrs. Vasquez for additional information.

You don't want to miss it!

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