

Alba-Golden ISD

Gifted/Talented Services K–12

At Alba-Golden ISD we are committed to meeting the needs of *all* students, including this special population. Our students have many gifts and talents that range from academics to art, performance, music, and athletics. The services described below address the advanced academic needs of gifted and talented (G/T) students in the four core areas. We are committed to placing G/T students in classes that meet their needs academically, as well as nurture their gifts and talents in other areas such as fine arts and athletics.

Elementary Services

Alba-Golden ISD's elementary campus has G/T-trained teachers in every kindergarten and first grade classroom and one G/T-trained teacher for a pull-out program in grades 2-5.

G/T students are strategically placed in small groups with G/T-trained teachers in kindergarten and first grade. All of these teachers are trained to differentiate their curriculum to meet the needs of the G/T students in their classes. In these classrooms, you will see flexible grouping, tiered instruction, centers, higher level thinking, open-ended tasks, independent study, and student choice. The G/T students in grades 2-5 will be served with a pull-out program taught by a G/T-trained instructor. This teacher is trained to teach an advanced level content in all four core subject areas- social studies, math, science, and English language arts. The Texas Performance Standards Project (www.texaspsp.org) will be used as a guide for the independent study projects in all grade levels on the elementary campus.

Junior High Services

G/T services at our junior high campus prepare students for advanced-level work beginning in sixth grade. G/T students are placed in these classes with G/T-trained teachers. There is one G/T-trained teacher in every core subject area—math, science, social studies, and English language arts—on the sixth-, seventh- and eighth-grade teams. In these classrooms, you will see flexible grouping, tiered instruction, higher level thinking, open-ended tasks, independent study, and student choice. These designated teachers will meet on a regular basis and will coordinate interdisciplinary independent study units. In these classes, students will master the Texas Essential Knowledge and Skills objectives and will move on to advanced-level content. The Texas Performance Standards Project (www.texaspsp.org) will be used as a guide for the independent study projects.

High School Services

G/T services at our high school campus prepare students for college-level work. We offer honors classes that help prepare students to take college-level courses while attending high school. If a student has an interest in a subject for which we do not have classes, we will look at Texas Virtual School or Odysseyware for honors course opportunities. In addition to our honors classes, we have students who can enroll in dual-credit courses through Tyler Junior College.

We encourage all of our G/T students to graduate with a Distinguished Achievement Program Diploma—the highest diploma a high school student can earn. Honors classes and the dual-credit classes can help a student achieve that goal. The Texas Performance Standards Project (www.texaspsp.org) will be used as a guide for the independent study projects.