

November 2, 2011

To Eighth grade students:

You are being given this information letter and permission form for screening for Gifted Talented and Pre-Advanced Placement academic classes for next year in ninth grade.

You and your parents must read this information and return the permission form by Friday, December 3, 2011, if you want to be screened for any G/T or Pre-AP class for next year. Turn the form in to either your English teacher OR the front desk.

You must be screened even if you are in GT classes this year.

Academic classes at high school are offered in three different types:

Gifted and Talented or G/T,
Pre Advanced Placement, or Pre-AP, sometimes called advanced or honors in past years; and

Regular. Most students are assigned to the regular academic classes.

If you want to be screened for the G/T or Pre-AP classes you must return the permission page with your parent's signature. You will be tested in all four academic areas, English, math, science and social studies. If you want to be screened for GT English, you will also prepare a Portfolio. You will be given more information about the Portfolio later.

Please tear off and return the permission page to either your English teacher or the front desk.

If you do not return a permission slip for screening, you will be assigned to regular academic classes for next year.

Screening for GIFTED/TALENTED Program: Saturday, December 3, 2011 at Terry M.S.

Identification for the Pre-AP and G/T programs is based on a combination of factors. These factors include, but are not limited to; CogAT scores, grades in eighth grade classes, TAKS scores, writing portfolios and **prerequisite testing that will be administered at Terry Middle School on Saturday, December 3, 2011.**

Saturday, December 10, will be the makeup day. If you cannot test on December 3, please notify either Mr. Reinsch or Ms. Renee that you will be at the December 10th testing.

Terry Middle School will open at 7:45 a.m. for students who wish to take the prerequisite tests.

Testing will begin at 8:00 a.m. Each test is scheduled to be "one class period long" so the students will be finished before noon.

Students are not required to be in standard dress, but should be modestly attired. They may bring and use cell phones to let you know when they are finished. They should bring two pencils. The tests and paper will be supplied. The door at the front of the school (not the gym entrance) will be open for students to enter.



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To the Parents of Eighth Grade Students:

It is time to begin the process of identifying students for the Gifted-Talented, the Pre-Advanced Placement and the regular ninth grade academic classes for next year at Horn and the other MISD high schools.

Students who are currently in GT classes **DO NOT** automatically go into the Gifted-Talented program at high school.

Identification for the Pre-AP and G/T programs is based on a combination of factors. These factors include, but are not limited to; CogAT scores, grades in eighth grade classes, TAKS scores, writing portfolios and prerequisite testing that will be given at Terry Middle School on **Saturday, December 3, 2011**. Make up testing will be Saturday, December 10, 2011 and there will be no additional test times until the summer.

Students who are currently in a GT class will be tested in their class period during the first week of December. Current GT students will need to come on Saturday, December 3rd to test in any subjects that are not currently GT.

This letter is to allow you to notify us that you want your child to be screened for Pre-AP and/or G/T classes. We are requiring students screen for all four subjects, so we can do all necessary testing on one day. You will make final scheduling decisions for your student with the high school counselors when they come to register our students in March, 2012.

Terry Middle School will open at 7:45 a.m., Saturday, December 3, 2011, for students who wish to take the prerequisite tests.

We will administer tests for Pre-AP and GT classes in all four academic areas, English, math, science and social studies.

All students will be finished by noon. Students are not required to be in standard dress, but should be modestly attired. They may bring and use cell phones to let you know when they are finished. They should bring two pencils. The tests and paper will be supplied. The door at the front of the school (not the gym entrance) will be unlocked.

Please sign and return the permission slip to your student's English teacher (or front office) before Friday, December 2, 2011, to notify us that you student will be screened on Saturday, December 3, 2011.

Thank you,

Dwade Reinsch

Dwade Reinsch
Registrar/Counselor



I request that my child be screened for G/T and Pre-AP classes for next year.

_____ Gifted and Talented English:

(A portfolio will also be required for any student screening for G/T English. Instructions for the portfolio and the deadline for the portfolio will be given to students before December 20, 2011.)

OR:

_____ Pre-Advanced Placement English

AND: G/T and/or Pre-AP Science

AND: G/T and/or Pre-AP History

AND: Pre-AP Algebra 1 (G/T and Pre-AP Geometry screening will take place in AT math classes.)

Student's Name: (Print clearly) _____

Parent's signature: _____

This form MUST be returned to Terry Middle School by Friday, December 2, 2011.

Students who do not return this permission form will NOT be screened for Pre-AP and/or GT classes. Students who are currently in GT classes are NOT automatically placed into GT and/or Pre-AP classes

Return this page to TMS and keep the other pages for your information.