

## Early Access for Gifted Education to Kindergarten

Early Access Provision follows Rule Section 10.02 (1) (H) and 12.08. This includes gifted children who qualify for grade level acceleration and are about to enter Kindergarten at age 4 or attend 1st grade at age 5 by October 1. **Highly Advanced Gifted Students** at or above the 97<sup>th</sup> percentile are measured on:

- Reading ability
- Number sense, higher level math skills
- Problem solving ability
- Writing ability
- Creativity

Parents must submit a portfolio to include:

- Completed application form (LINK to <https://forms.gle/sTqFXrcD1w1bpCRo9>)
- Letter stating reason for Early Access
- Top 2% performance (Kindergarten Readiness, Kingore, TS Gold, SIGS)
- Examples in the top 2%
  - Reading ability
  - Number sense, higher level math skills
  - Problem solving ability
  - Writing ability
  - Creativity
- Birth Certificate
- Statements of support from your child's current preschool teacher
- Evidence of social behavior/motivation above same aged peers

Further evaluation may be requested if your child ranks above the 97<sup>th</sup> percentile to include:

- Intellectual Ability Assessment (Stanford Binet, Kaufman ABC, WPPSI)
- Achievement Assessments (TEMA, TERA, other achievement tests)
- *Gifted Determination made for Early Access Provision*

A team made up of GT teachers and District Administration will evaluate each applicant's portfolio. **It is the sole discretion of the District to refer students on for additional evaluation.** Our District psychologist will complete the Cognitive Assessments and a GT Teacher is responsible for the Academic Assessment. A determination letter will by the GT Teacher with the principal notification will be sent regarding your child's status. (If your child does not qualify, options for preschool enrichment will be provided.) An ALP will them be developed between the teacher and the parents by Sept. 30 with progress monitored and reported back to parents every 5 weeks.

Timeline:

- Feb. 1: Begin accepting portfolios
- April 1: Applications for following year due
- May 1: Determinations made and notifications within 60 days of request
- May 25: Initial parent conference and ALP developed (no later than Sept. 30)