

# What Parents Need to Know About *The Gateway Program*



Gateway is a fully immersed program for students in grades three through five who are identified as Gifted and Talented. Gateway is designed to build critical thinkers, problem solvers, and life-long learners by providing:

**What is the Gateway Program?**

- A rigorous, non-traditional atmosphere suited for gifted and talented students
- Inquiry-based learning with student choice
- Outstanding learning experiences
- Leadership skills in the classroom, school, and community
- Collaborative learning that builds innovative thinking

**Who qualifies for the program?**

Brenham ISD screens students for the G/T program using a multi-criteria approach to selection with 3 phases of placement. G/T identification is based upon data collected from achievement tests, ability tests, parent and teacher observation surveys, and student products from Kingore Planned Experiences.

**What services are provided by the program?**

The Gateway Program is provided 5 days a week by certified teachers who receive specialized training for gifted and talented instruction. The teachers provide tailored content instruction in English Language Arts, Mathematics, Science, and Social Studies with a wide variety of cross-curricular connections.

**How do students exit the program?**

Parents must provide permission to have their child participate in the G/T programs. A student participating in the G/T program will remain in the program until he/she leaves the district, graduates from high school, or is furloughed (temporarily not receiving services) or exited from the G/T program.

**For more information about screening:**

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