



SCHERTZ-CIBOLO-UNIVERSAL CITY INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT

Department of Student Academic Services, Gifted & Talented Program Services

- ★ High Achievement For All Students
- ★ High-performing and Engaged Workforce
- ★ Effective and Efficient District and Campus Operations

To All SCUC Kindergarten & First Grade Parents,

This letter is to inform you of the SCUC ISD Gifted and Talented screening process for your student in Kindergarten and/or First Grade. **All SCUC students enrolled in Kindergarten and First Grade are screened for eligibility in the Gifted & Talented program. Because ALL students are considered, no additional nomination process is necessary.** The screening is implemented in three phases and includes both quantitative (testing) and qualitative (observational) data. The first two phases consider academic data from the TEMI (mathematics) evaluations and IStation (reading) evaluations along with work samples that teachers have collected and appraised according to a rubric of gifted characteristics.

Students who exhibit gifted characteristics based on any of the first two phases will then participate in the third phase, an additional quantitative testing component. Parents will be contacted if a student's data indicates that additional screening is appropriate.

In order to have sufficient opportunity to observe all students, phases one and two will be ongoing through the end of January. Phase three screening will take place in early February. This process allows a "whole child" approach to determining the appropriateness of gifted services.

Final decisions for appropriateness of gifted services is an individual campus decision. Campus GT Committees will make recommendations based on a preponderance of evidence from the screening process. Services for identified K-1 students will begin in March. Kindergarten students whose data does not indicate the need for gifted services at this time will automatically be rescreened in First Grade as part of the district screening process. First Grade students whose data does not indicate the need for gifted services at this time are eligible for nomination in the spring of succeeding years.

Thank you,

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★ UCISD Mission Statement

Schertz-Cibolo-Universal City ISD provides a safe, secure and challenging learning environment, through the responsible use of all resources, to afford opportunities for all students to realize their individual potential and to become responsible and productive members of society.

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