



Mabank I.S.D.

Visions Gifted and Talented Program

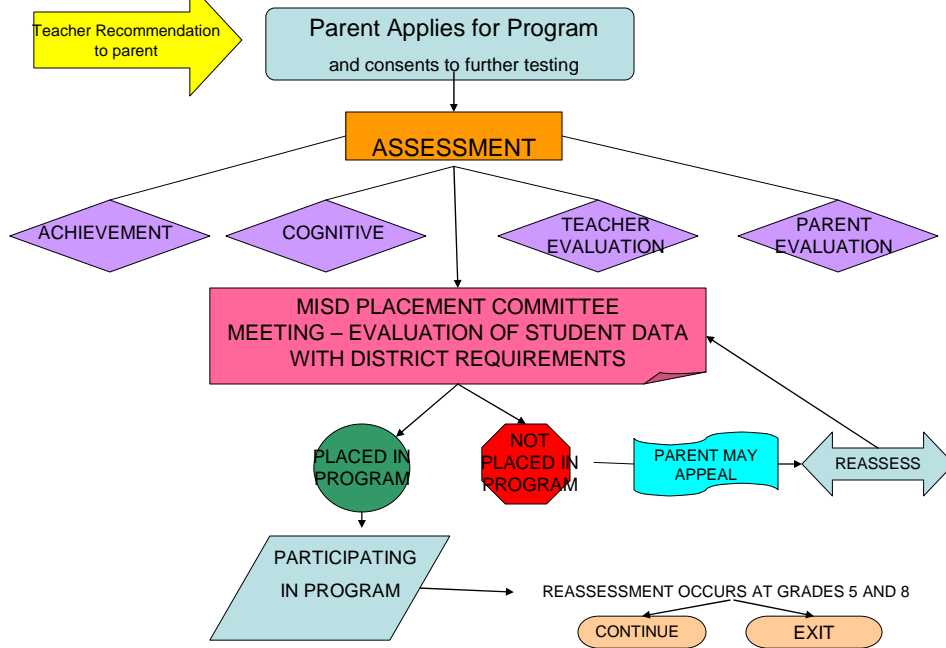
Application Packet

Mabank ISD provides services for academically gifted and/or talented students in grades K-12 who demonstrate a need for advanced, differentiated instruction. The current elementary Visions program is a weekly pull-out program where students participate in unit studies and activities designed to challenge and enrich. Currently, students at the middle school level are offered GT classes in both reading and mathematics. High school gifted students are offered challenging advanced placement classes.

Mabank ISD accepts yearly applications for assessment for possible inclusion in the Visions program. Assessment and placement will follow the timeline adopted yearly by the district. Applications for the 2007-2008 school year need to be completed and returned to the counselor at your child's campus by the deadline of **Friday, December 7**. Applications received after this date may be subject to delay until next school year. Parents should also sign up for a testing session provided by MISD diagnosticians.

MISD gathers a variety of information to be used in the assessment process. As required by the state of Texas, MISD uses both qualitative and quantitative measurements in its evaluation process. Students are assessed with cognitive measures, achievement tests, parent evaluations, and teacher evaluations.

MISD GT Assessment Process



Timeline for MISD Gifted Program 2007-2008

Grades K-5

- **Tuesday, November 6** 2nd grade COGAT and ITBS scores sent home
- **Tuesday, November 13** letter sent home detailing information on parent meeting; information added to district website; information sent to local newspaper
- **Monday, November 26** 10:00 a.m. parent meeting, downtown boardroom
- **Thursday, November 29** 6:30 p.m. parent meeting, downtown boardroom
- **Friday, December 7** deadline for return of parent application for testing
- **Monday, December 10 - Thursday, January 31** testing window
- **Week of February 11-15** district-wide selection committee meeting
- **Week of February 18-21** parent letters sent home from curriculum dept.
- **Monday, March 3** newly identified students begin GT services



APPLICATION FOR VISIONS PROGRAM

STUDENT INFORMATION

Student _____ Grade _____ Date of Birth _____
Current School _____
Homeroom Teacher _____
Has your child been previously tested for GT? _____

PARENT INFORMATION

Parent/Guardian Name(s) _____
Home Address _____

Home Phone Number _____
Work Phone Number(s) _____
Cell Phone Number(s) _____
Email Address(es) _____

PARENTAL PERMISSION FOR ASSESSMENT

I give permission for my child, _____, to
be assessed for the MISD Gifted and Talented program, **Visions**,
and for the school counselor to gather all necessary information
needed to complete the assessment process.

Parent/Guardian Signature

Date

*December 7, 2007 - Deadline for application to be turned in to campus counselor.