

GRAND PRAIRIE ISD SCHOOL FOR THE HIGHLY GIFTED
Online Application Guide for the 2023-2024 School Year



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Applications will be accepted for students currently in grades K-7th during the application window for the *School for the Highly Gifted*. Kindergarten students must be at least five years old to apply. The *School for the Highly Gifted* online application is available on this [link](#)

All interested applicants (in-district and out-of-district) must apply online between November 7-December 16, 2022. Applicants will be placed on waiting list after the application window closes

[Who are the Highly Gifted? Parent Presentation](#)

Students must meet specific criteria for placement in the *Grand Prairie School for the Highly Gifted (SHG)*. Admission to *SHG* is a three-tiered process that involves assessments:

- *Pre-Screening (2 sub-scores of 130 on a comparable cognitive exam)*
- *Final Screening scores (2 sub-scores of 135 on IQ test)*
- *Achievement scores of 80 or above in reading and math*

IN-DISTRICT APPLICANTS (GPISD students not enrolled in the GT program)

In-district students not currently receiving gifted services:

- **Compete the online application for SHG as nomination for gifted testing. Testing will occur on your child's campus.**
- GT students who meet pre-screening benchmarks will automatically advance to final screening
- Identified GT students who meet pre-screening criteria may apply for the *SHG* to advance to final screening
- The parents of students who meet pre-screening criteria through their GT testing will be contacted in the second semester with scheduled testing dates/times.
- No fees will be charged for *SHG* admissions testing GPISD students.

IN-DISTRICT APPLICANTS (Identified GT Students)

- Identified GT students who meet pre-screening benchmarks will automatically advance to final screening
- Identified GT students who did not meet pre-screening benchmarks must be reassessed
- GPISD parents of GT students must apply for *SHG* during the application window
- Applicants will be contacted to schedule testing
- No fees will be charged for testing GPISD students

IMPORTANT: Students may apply for the *SHG* **every two years**.

For Example, students tested in the spring of 2021 would be eligible for screening in the spring of 2023.

Note: *GT scores must have been administered within two calendar years of the application date to be accepted for pre-screening purposes.*

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OUT-OF-DISTRICT APPLICANTS

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- The *School for the Highly Gifted* online application is available at Schools of Choice [link](#)
- **All out-of-district students will be charged a non-refundable fee of \$100** to cover the cost of test materials and proctors for screening. Payment due by **Friday, January 27, 2023**.
 - Applicants will be emailed instructions on how to pay online
 - In-person payment can be scheduled by appointment by contacting the Advanced Academics Department-see contact information below.
- Prior Testing Submissions for final screening advancement:
 - Option 1: is to submit qualifying pre-screening scores of 130 or higher on two subtests and/or composite scores on an approved nationally normed aptitude test conducted by an accredited district or private school.
 - Scores must be in the form of an official score report or emailed directly from the prior school to be considered.
 - Scores must have been administered within two calendar years of the application date to be accepted.
 - Prior GT testing documents may be submitted by the following:
 - Uploaded into the online application platform
 - Emailed to emailed to Tina Moore, Executive Director of Advanced Academics at shgadmissions@gpisd.org
- All GT testing documentation (and any *Special Program* support documentation) and fees must be submitted no later than **January 27, 2023**.
- Only students who meet pre-screening benchmarks (two subtest and/or composite scores of 130 or higher on an approved cognitive test) will advance to final testing.
- **Parents will be contacted to schedule Saturday testing**

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IMPORTANT NOTE FOR BOTH IN-DISTRICT AND OUT-OF-DISTRICT APPLICANTS: *While outside test scores may be used to meet pre-screening benchmarks, only testing conducted in Grand Prairie ISD by a licensed district diagnostician or psychologist will be accepted for final placement.*

QUESTIONS?

Contact Tina Moore, Executive Director of Advanced Academics

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