



GIFTED AND TALENTED
SCREENING AND SELECTION

Is Your Child Gifted?

Parents of bright students who perform well in school often wonder if their child may be gifted. Successful students are often high achievers. They make good grades, do very well on the criterion-referenced tests, and work hard in school. These students' need for academic challenge should be met in the regular classroom, not through the Gifted/Talented program. Consider the differences between high achievers and gifted students.

High Achievers	Gifted Learners
Knows the answers	Asks the questions
Is interested in learning	Is highly curious
Copies accurately	Creates a new design or way of doing it
Is attentive in class	Is mentally and physically involved
"Loves the teacher"	Loves ideas
Answers the questions	Discusses in detail, elaborates
Good memorizer	Good, informed guesser
Completes assignments	Initiates projects
Works hard	Plays around, yet tests well
A top group student	Is beyond the group
Is pleased with his/her own learning	Is highly self-critical
Learns with ease	Already knows
Wants the "rules" of the assignment	"I want to do it my way"
Enjoys peers	Prefers older students or adults

If your child **consistently** shows characteristics of giftedness rather than characteristics of high achievement, you may want to refer your child for the Mission CISD Gifted and Talented Program.