Sometimes a child can perform very well in school and not be gifted and/or creative. It is helpful to consider the following comparison of what makes a gifted child different from a bright child.

### Nomination

Anyone may nominate a student to receive gifted and talented services. All students nominated will be assessed and evaluated by district personnel with expertise in the identification of the gifted and talented.

Assessment and evaluation of nominated students include data from multiple sources, both objective and subjective. Identification decisions are made by district personnel who understand characteristics of gifted and talented learners.

Contact your campus personnel for further information on nominations.

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- Departments
- Advanced Academics
The Advanced Academics department of Waco ISD is dedicated to providing appropriate educational services for gifted and talented students in kindergarten through 12th grade. Gifted and talented students are engaged and challenged at every level. Elementary GT students receive services through differentiated instruction in the G/T cluster classrooms. Identified kindergarten students begin receiving services in March. Secondary G/T students receive differentiated instruction through the Pre-AP, AP, ATLAS and ATLAS9 classrooms.

Gifted and talented students are those who perform at or show potential for performing at a remarkably high level of accomplishment when compared to others of the same age, experience, or environment, and who exhibit high performance capability in an intellectual, creative, or artistic area or excel in a specific academic field.

What is TPSP?

- Statewide standards and assessment system designed to address the Texas State Plan for the Education of Gifted/Talented Students
- An opportunity for G/T students to produce professional quality work
- Aligned with state standards, state testing, and College and Career Readiness Standards

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