

## **GIFTED AND TALENTED IDENTIFICATION PROCESS**

The annual identification process of gifted and talented students has opened. The district is offering two testing options for those students who are entering 7th and 8th grade at either Carroll Middle School or Dawson Middle School for the 2020-2021 school year. The first testing block will be held at Carroll Middle School on Monday, August 3rd and Tuesday, August 4th from 8:30-12:30. The second testing block will be Tuesday, August 11th and Wednesday, August 12th from 8:30-12:30. This testing will begin promptly at 9 AM on both days. Students must be in attendance for both days of the testing block, and it does not matter which campus the student will attend in the fall as to which date and location a family chooses.

Students who want to participate in gifted and talented classes for the 2020-2021 school year and have not yet qualified for GT services in CISD must go through the identification process. Students will be assessed initially using the CogAT and ITBS tests. There are no preparation materials available for these assessments. In addition to the testing, students entering grades 7 and 8 who have not yet been identified as gifted and talented must be nominated by a parent, teacher, counselor, community member, or themselves. REMEMBER, it is not necessary for a student who is already identified as gifted and talented in Carroll ISD to participate in testing again.

To begin the identification process, please fill out the [CISD Middle School Gifted and Talented Nomination and Referral Form 2020-2021](#) by Thursday, July 30th at 4:00 PM for the first testing block and Thursday, August 6th for the second testing block. Any questions or concerns, please contact Danielle Pfaff at CMS at [danielle.pfaff@southlakecarroll.edu](mailto:danielle.pfaff@southlakecarroll.edu) or Ginny Wenger at DMS at [virginia.wenger@southlakecarroll.edu](mailto:virginia.wenger@southlakecarroll.edu).

### Key Dates in the Process:

- The week of July 27th--Students who have signed up for testing will receive a schedule of events for both days
- Thursday, July 31st--Nomination Window Closes for GT Referral for the first block of testing
- Thursday, August 6th--Nomination Window Closes for GT Referral for the second block of testing
- Monday, August 3rd-Tuesday August 4th--First block of testing at Carroll Middle School from 8:30-12:00
- Tuesday, August 11th-Wednesday, August 12th--Second block of testing at Dawson Middle School from 8:30-12:00