

Resources for Parents of GT Students

Spring Branch ISD Advanced Academic Studies

Web site: <http://www.springbranchisd.com/instruc/adac/adac.htm>

AAS Insights – Our department electronic newsletter for parents. Sign up on our web site.

Support Organizations

Texas Association for the Gifted and Talented (TAGT) – www.txgifted.org

- State organization that offers scholarships, list of summer programs, and conferences

National Association for Gifted Children (NAGC) – www.nagc.org

- National organization that offers informational resources

Supporting the Emotional Needs of the Gifted (SENG) – www.sengifted.org

- Organization of psychologists and specialist in Gifted Education that offers many resources for parents

Davidson Institute for Talent Development – www.ditd.org

- Non-profit organization that provides fellowships for outstanding applicants and many resources for highly gifted students

The Association for the Gifted (TAG) – www.cectag.org

- Division of the Council for Exceptional Children

Online Resources

Duke Talent Search Program – www.tip.duke.edu/

Hoagies' Gifted Education Page – www.hoagiesgifted.org (THE GT resource for parents and kids)

Gifted Development Center – www.gifteddevelopment.com

National Research Center for the Gifted and Talented - www.gifted.uconn.edu/nrcgt.html

The College Board - <http://www.collegeboard.com/splash> (Oversees the AP program, PSAT and SAT tests)

University Centers

Center for Gifted Education, College of William and Mary - <http://cfge.wm.edu/>

Belin-Blank International Center for Gifted Ed. & Talent Development - <http://www.education.uiowa.edu/belinblank/>

Online Curriculum

Texas Tech University - www.depts.ttu.edu/ode/

Stanford University - <http://epgy.stanford.edu/index.html>

Other Information

AP Advanced Placement = High school courses based on College Board curriculum which is designed to provide the rigor of a college course. Each course has an AP test which students may take in May. Those scoring 3 or higher may receive college credit depending upon the regulations of the college or university. Anyone may choose to take these courses. They received weighted GPA points. A variety of courses are offered at all SBISD high schools.

Pre-AP Pre-Advanced Placement = Middle and high school courses with district curriculum that contains Pre-AP strategies from the College Board which are designed to prepare students for AP courses. Anyone may choose to take these courses. They offered in the core subject areas.

IB International Baccalaureate = High school courses based on curriculum designed by IBO. These courses tend to be interdisciplinary in nature and encourage students to think globally. There is a heavy emphasis on writing. The courses are part of the Diploma Programme. These courses are only offered at Westchester Academy for International Studies.

CBE Credit-By-Exam = Students may take this test during the summer to determine if skipping a grade or a course is appropriate. Students must register with the Accountability and Research Department (713-464-1511 x 2276). Elementary students are expected to score a 90 or higher on all four subject areas to skip a grade. Secondary students may test out of a course by scoring a 90 or higher.