

EISD Gifted & Talented Definition and Philosophy Statement

Definition of Gifted and Talented Students

“Gifted and talented student” means a child or youth who performs at or shows the potential for performing at a remarkably high level of accomplishment when compared to others of the same age, experience, or environment and who exhibits high performance capability in an intellectual, creative, or artistic area, possesses an unusual capacity for leadership, or excels in a specific academic field (TEC Subchapter D §29.121).

Philosophy

The philosophy of Edgewood ISD reflects an understanding of the uniqueness of individual gifted/talented students. Because the learning characteristics of gifted and talented students dictate learning experiences that differentiate from those provided for them in the regular school program, the district recognizes that special provisions must be made for these students in order to stimulate and maximize their achievement as well as provide for their social and emotional needs.

Edgewood ISD recognizes that gifted and talented students are found in all cultures, socioeconomic groups, geographic locales, and environments. Edgewood ISD will serve the needs of those students who perform at or show the potential for performing at a remarkably high level of accomplishment when compared to others of the same age, experience, or environment.