



MISD Gifted and Talented Secondary

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Why Gifted Education?

“Human resources are like natural resources; they’re often buried deep. You have to go looking for them, they’re not just lying around on the surface.”

~ *Ken Robinson*



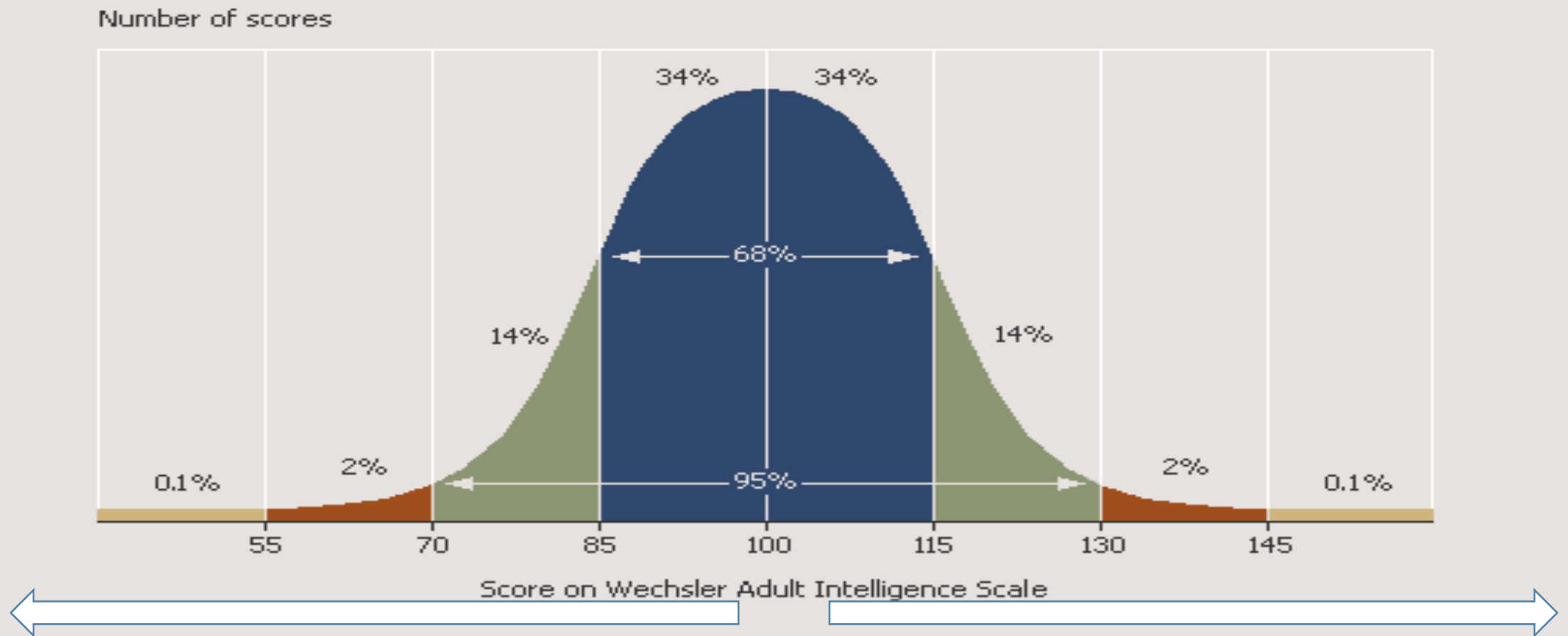
The Need for Gifted Education

Lack of academic challenge leads to disengaged behavior and underachievement.

(Sally Reis and Betsy McCoach)



Interventions increase the further you move away from the middle.

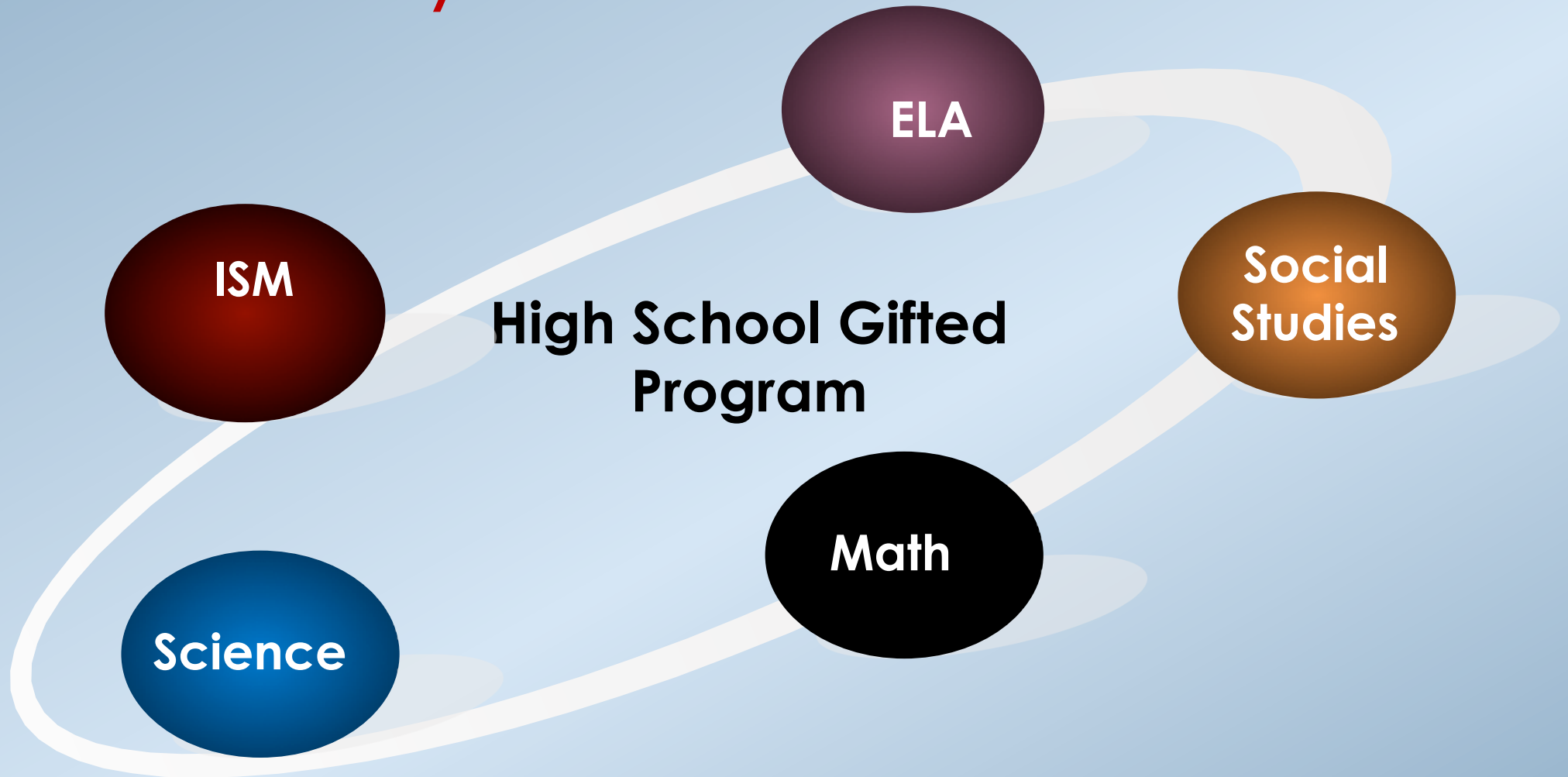


Texas Definition of Gifted and Talented

According to the State of Texas, a gifted and talented student is a child or youth who performs at or shows potential for performing at a **remarkably high level of accomplishment** when compared to others of the same age, experience, or environment and who:

1. exhibits **high performance capability** in an intellectual, creative or artistic area,
2. possesses an **unusual capacity for leadership**, or
3. **excels in a specific academic field**

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Clustering

- **Cluster Grouping** - Gifted and talented students are grouped within a class to be instructed by a teacher that has had specialized training in differentiating for gifted learners
- **Diversity** – Academically gifted students are able to interact with other gifted students, including those with different cultures, experiences, and learning styles.
- **Sheltered** – Students are scheduled with identified gifted peers.

GT ELA Humanities

9th Grade

PreAP English I GT (Humanities I)

Grade Level: 9

Prerequisite: Identified gifted and talented

Recommended Co-requisite: AP Human Geography GT

GT Social Studies Humanities

9th Grade

AP Human Geography GT (Humanities I)

Grade Level: 9

Prerequisite: Identified gifted and talented

Recommended Co-requisite: PreAP English – Humanities I

GT ELA Humanities

10th Grade

PreAP English II (Humanities II)

Grade Level: 10

Prerequisite: Identified gifted and talented
English II

Recommended Co-requisite: AP World History
GT (Humanities II)

GT Social Studies Humanities

10th Grade

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Prerequisite: Identified gifted and talented

Pre AP English I

Recommended Co-requisite:

Pre AP English II - Humanities II

GT ELA Humanities III & IV

11th – 12th Grade

AP English Language and Composition

Humanities III (Clustered Classes)

Grade Level: 11

AP English Literature

Humanities IV (Clustered Classes)

Grade Level: 12

“Many highly talented, brilliant, creative people think they’re not — because the thing they were good at school wasn’t valued, or was actually stigmatized.” —

Ken Robinson

http://www.ted.com/talks/sir_ken_robinson_bring_on_the_revolution.html



GT Science

9th Grade: PreAP Biology or AP Biology

10th Grade: PreAP Chemistry or AP Chemistry

11th Grade: AP Physics 1

12th Grade: AP Physics 2 or
AP Physics C:
Semester 1: Mechanics &
Semester 2: Electricity & Magnetism

AP Environmental Science Astronomy Anatomy & Physiology

Earth & Space Science (Dual Credit) Environmental Systems

GT Math

Please see handout.





High school graduates in this program will exceed the MISD graduate profile with products and performances of professional quality.

Get Involved!

ALPS GT Parent Group

- Student Scholarships
- Camp Scholarships
- Parent Conference
- Achievement Boot Camp
- Teacher scholarships for professional development



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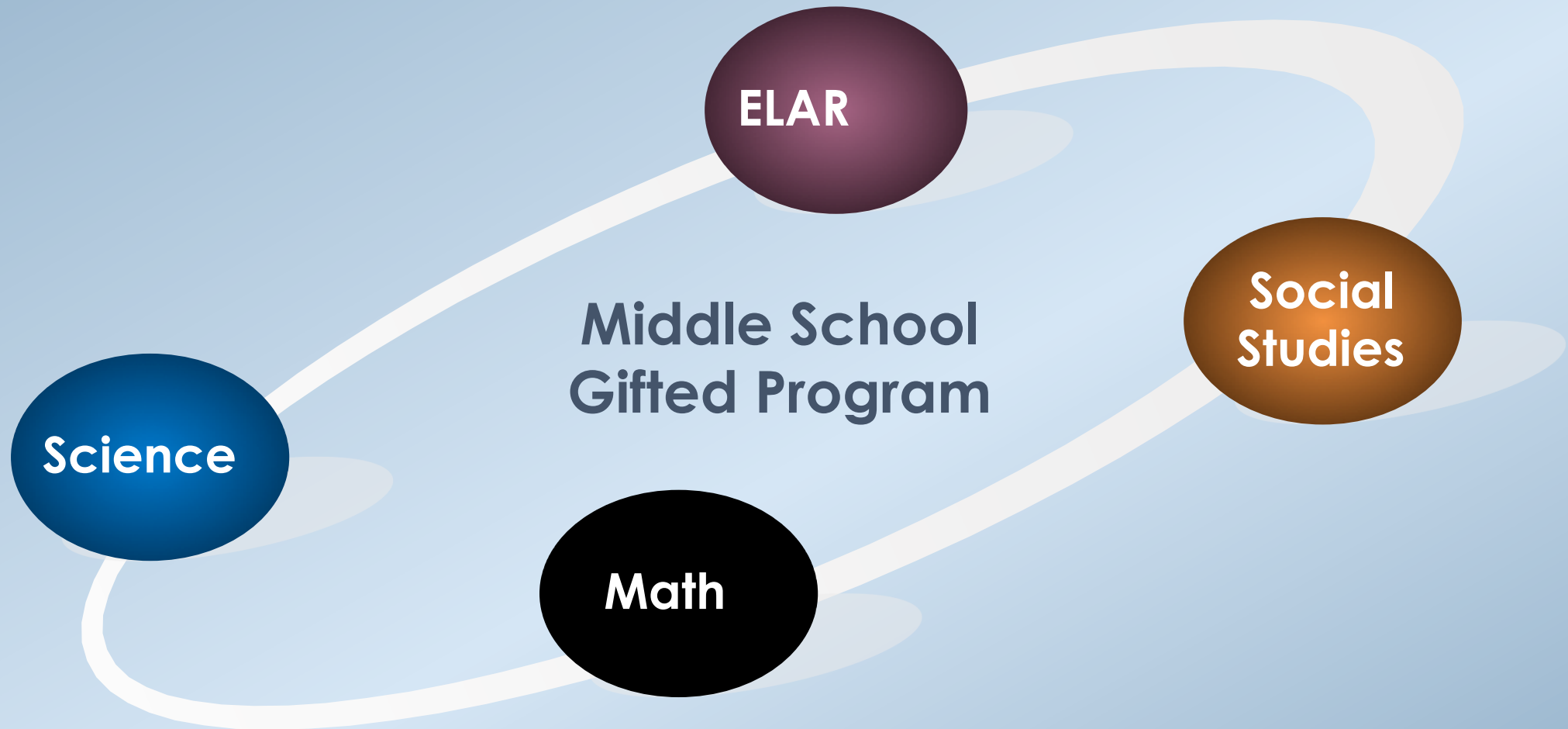
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What is Gifted Education?

“For gifted learners, an appropriately differentiated classroom will provide experiences that are complex enough, abstract enough, open-ended enough and multifaceted enough to cause gifted students to stretch in knowledge, thinking, and production. These Classrooms provide consistent expectations for gifted students to work with fuzzy problems, make great mental leaps, and grow in ability to exercise independence.”

Dr. Carol Ann Tomlinson

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Middle School Program

MISD middle schools offer three levels of challenge:

- Academic
- Pre-AP courses are on-grade level academically advanced courses designed to challenge motivated students to understand rigorous content.
- **Pre-AT/GT courses are Pre-AP courses offering less repetition, faster pacing with the integration of complexity and depth.**



GT/PreAP ELAR

6th – 8th Sheltered Classes

PreAP Curriculum differentiated for GT
ELAR students

GT/PreAP Science

6th – 8th Sheltered Classes

Compacted and accelerated
PreAP curricula with Inquiry Based
Learning activities

Developed by MISD GT Science
teachers (aligned to the TEKS)



Compacted and GT/PreAP Math

See Handout



GT/PreAP Social Studies

6th-8th Sheltered Classes

PreAP Curriculum differentiated for GT Humanities students

Students participate in Mock Trials



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Resources

MISD GT

[http://www.mckinneyisd.net/
departments/curriculum-instruction/
gifted_and_talented/resources/](http://www.mckinneyisd.net/departments/curriculum-instruction/gifted_and_talented/resources/)

National Association for Gifted
Children

<http://www.nagc.org/>

Hoagies Gifted

<http://www.hoagiesgifted.org/>

House Bill 5

[http://www.tea.state.tx.us/
index2.aspx?id=25769806149](http://www.tea.state.tx.us/index2.aspx?id=25769806149)

Questions?

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