Welcome!
Advanced Academics Update

GT & Advanced Academics in Frisco ISD
Introductions

- **Katie Kordel**, Deputy Superintendent of Curriculum & Instruction
- **Angela Romney**, Secondary Area Director
- **Christy Fiori**, Elementary Area Director
- **Jennifer Adams**, Elementary GT Coordinator
- **Krishna Chetty**, Advanced Academics Coordinator
- **Julie Martin**, Secondary GT Coordinator
New This Year

- Two Coordinator positions
  - Elementary GT Coordinator
  - Advanced Academics Coordinator

- GT Humanities

- AP Capstone Application approved
  - Implemented during 2016–17 school year
Elementary GT

- A multi-disciplinary, skills-based pullout program for students identified as gifted and talented

- This model allows identified gifted students the opportunity to work together weekly with the campus GT teacher:
  - K – 45 minutes
  - 1st and 2nd – 1 hour
  - 3rd – 1 ½ hours
  - 4th and 5th – 2 hours
Elementary GT

- Variety of topics and thematic units are utilized to address learning objectives at each grade level in the pull-out classes.

- Objectives for each grade level are research-based thinking skills and cover five broad areas:
  - critical thinking
  - creative thinking
  - metacognition
  - affective development
  - research
GT students in each grade level are grouped in a cluster class.

Cluster teachers have the state-mandated 30 hours of GT training.

Cluster teachers differentiate curriculum, when possible, to meet the needs of gifted learners.
Middle School GT

- GT Integrated Language Arts class
- Various Pre-AP courses in math and science
- Participate in academic competitions
GT Humanities
- 9th and 10th graders
- Combines 9th grade Pre–AP English skills and AP World history content
- Includes the arts and architecture for a two-year humanities experience
- 9th grade – Pre–AP English I credit
- 10th grade – AP World History credit
GT Student Course Sequence (ELA & SS)

ELA

GT Humanities I (PAP ELA I)

PAP ELA II
or English II

AP English Language
or English III

AP English Literature
or English IV

SS

AP Human Geography
or World Geography

GT Humanities II (AP World History)

AP US History
or US History

AP US Government & Politics
or Government

Government & Economics courses (both AP and on-level) are one semester courses.
High School GT

- Robust AP Program

- Independent Study & Mentorship (ISM)
  - 11th and 12th grades
  - Challenging, innovative course
  - By application and interview only
  - Not necessary to be GT
  - Students study career (fall)
  - Study career under a professional mentor (spring)
  - See website for more information
AP Capstone

- AP Capstone is an innovative program that helps you stand out in the college admissions process by developing the critical skills needed to succeed in college and in your future career.

- Two new courses—**AP Seminar** and **AP Research**—allow students to immerse themselves in topics that matter to them, while they develop the analytic, research, problem-solving, and communication skills that colleges seek in their applicants.

*Emphasizes Critical Skills Needed for College & Beyond*  
*Complements the in-depth subject-matter study in AP*
AP Capstone in FISD

- The course will be offered at Heritage, Liberty, Reedy and Wakeland High Schools but will be open to all students through our partner campus model.
- It will be offered in 10th-12th grade with a focus on 10th and 11th in year one of the program.
- AP Seminar will count as a Social Studies elective and can go towards a student earning the Arts and Humanities Endorsement.
- All teachers that will be teaching the course will go to a 5 day summer training and will also be trained on College Board grading for the course.
This challenging program helps students deepen their passion for learning, gives them greater confidence in their academic skills, and a broader perspective on their world.

Students who earn scores of 3 or higher in AP Seminar and AP Research and on four additional AP Exams will receive the AP Capstone Diploma™.

Students who earn scores of 3 or higher in AP Seminar and AP Research will receive the AP Seminar and Research Certificate™.
Academic Competitions

**Elementary:**
- Destination Imagination (DI) *(If parent coach is interested in forming team)*
- Lone Star Challenge
- Academic UIL Contests
- Spelling Bee

**Middle School:**
- Academic Pentathlon
- Destination Imagination (DI) *(If parent coach is interested in forming team)*
- Geography Bee
- Math and Science Team
- Robotics *(district competition)*
- Science Fair
- Spelling Bee
Academic Competitions

High School:

- Academic UIL Contests
- Academic Decathlon
- Destination Imagination (DI) *(If parent coach is interested in forming team)*
- Speech/Debate Tournaments
  - Texas Forensic League and National Forensic League
- CTE Group Competitions as follows:
  - Future Farmers of America (FFA)
  - Distributive Education Clubs of America (DECA)
  - Health Occupations Students of America (HOSA)
  - Family Career Community Leaders of America (FCCLA)
  - Business Professionals of America (BPA)
GT Referral & Testing Timeline

- October – Parents may refer their kindergarten students.
  - Testing occurs November – February for April placement.

- Grades 3–11 – Referral window is open for two weeks every January.
  - Testing occurs in February for placement next school year.

- Grades 1 & 2 – Referral window is open for two weeks every March.
  - Testing occurs in April for placement next school year.

- September testing for new-to-FISD students only
Questions?

Thank you!