



BT Wilson Sixth Grade School

Horizons Courses

Information Sheet 2011

Horizons Qualifications:

Horizons classes in Math and Language Arts are an option for those students who meet three of the four qualifying criteria.

Math Requirements:

- Commended on 5th grade Math TAKS
- 90 average of the first 5 six weeks
- 90% on Math Diagnostic Test
- Ranking of 5 out of 6 on the performance/motivation survey

Language Arts Requirements:

- Commended on 5th grade Reading TAKS
- 90 average of the first 5 six weeks (Reading)
- Reading equivalency of a 7.0 or higher on STAR testing.
- Ranking of 5 out of 6 on the performance/motivation survey

Every student who qualifies for a Horizons level class will receive a letter with their last 5th grade report card. Although a student may qualify for Horizons, he/she is not required to participate.

GT Qualifications:

Students, who are identified as GT through district testing, must also have two of the above criteria to qualify for Horizons classes in their area of giftedness. These students will be placed according to their qualifications into Horizons classes for Math and Language Arts and cluster grouped for Science and Social Studies. Students who do not wish to participate in Horizons classes may request a furlough or exit from the GT program.

Course Description:

Each academic team (Bobcats, Cougars, and Jaguars) will offer Horizons classes in Math and Language Arts. The Math curriculum uses supplemental texts in addition to Glencoe; participates in the Texas Mathematics League Contest; has project-based assignments, and guest speakers; and will use a compacted curriculum including 13 of the 7th grade TEKS. The Language Arts curriculum has differentiated readings, extended projects, and optional summer reading.

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