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Discussion Outline:

Vanguard Magnet – a type of magnet school that specializes in GT students.

HISD School Choice Options

50+ Magnet Elementary Schools, 11 of which are Vanguard
(Askew, Carrillo, De Zavalla, Herod, Oak Forest, Pleasantville, River Oaks,
Roosevelt, Travis, T. H. Rogers, and Windsor Village).

30+ Magnet Middle Schools, 7 of which are Vanguard
(Black, Burbank, Hamilton, Holland, Jackson, Lanier, T. H. Rogers)

30 Magnet High Schools, 1 of which is Vanguard
(Carnegie)

State Law (Texas Education Code 89.3)

How does “service” work in HISD?

Elementary: Pull-outs, Blended, or Homogeneous
Middle: Blended or Homogeneous Pre-AP classes
High School: Blended or Homogeneous Pre-AP and AP classes

How does a student become GT in HISD?

Testing (Jan / Feb):
Entering Kindergarten: Woodcock Johnson, Wechsler, Parent Observation
K – 12: Stanford or ITBS, NNAT2, Report Card scores, and Teacher Recommendation

Matrix (Feb / March) – using scores / information provided

Lottery (early March)

Notification – March 28, 2014

Parent Decision – April 11, 2014

Last Thoughts:

1. You can apply to (up to) 5 Vanguard Magnets, 10 Magnet Schools Total
2. GT applicants will be in the lotteries of all Vanguard Magnets to which you have applied.
3. Application Deadline is December 20, 2013 – don't miss it!
4. The most important thing about school choice is matching your child with the program!