



DeSoto ISD GT and Advanced Academics

2020 - 2021 Theme: Triumph Over Challenge

Each year, DeSoto ISD’s Department of GT (Gifted and Talented) and Advanced Academics develops a theme to inform the focus of achievement and independent research and study projects for the school year. During 2020 - 2021, our challenges include expanding our GT programming and Advanced Academics offerings while supporting and increasing access and opportunities for students seeking enhanced academic coursework.

Advanced Academics: Advanced Placement

During 2020 - 2021, our challenges include expanding our Advanced Academics offerings while supporting and increasing access and opportunities for students seeking enhanced academic coursework. Here’s what we’ve been able to accomplish in 2020.

Challenge	Triumph
Increase the number of students taking AP examinations.	The number of students taking 2020 AP exams increased by 34% from the previous school year.
Increase the number of AP exams taken by students enrolled in AP courses.	The number of 2020 AP exams taken by students enrolled in AP courses increased by 35.5% from the previous school year.
Increase the number of qualifying scores earned by students taking AP exams.	The number of students who earned qualifying scores increased by 34% from the previous school year.

2020-2021 Gifted and Talented Independent Study Projects

How can individuals, groups, and communities triumph over challenge? Students who receive GT programming services will have the opportunities to explore and present solutions to triumph over challenges in their communities. Students can begin submitting their proposals in September 2020. GT Showcases will be held in the fall and in the spring. No challenge is too big, and no triumph is too small. Students can frame their work based on the following eight themes.

Breaking Barriers	Rising above Conflict
Creating New Paths	Finding Better Ways
Soaring to New Heights	Striving for Balance
Embracing the Unknown	Triumphing Over Challenge