



# Alliance

KISD Advanced Academic Services



Winter 2014-15

## TPSP Showcase: Letting Student Ability Shine



**Why TPSP?** The TPSP complies with Texas Administrative Code, Title 19 Chapter 89.3(2) & 89.3(4). Also, pursuant to Section 29.123 of the Texas Education Code, the Texas State Plan for the Education of Gifted Students was written, and it is in this plan that the Texas Performance Standards Project is specified in Section 3. The district is considered “Exemplary” because the TPSP is assessed by external evaluators through our showcase.

**What is TPSP?** The TPSP is composed of interdisciplinary units (called tasks) which have two phases: Learning Experiences and Independent Research. The culmination of the project is the annual TPSP Research Showcase where students have the opportunity to present their research to a professional in their field of study.

**Benefits:** By using the evaluation tool prescribed by the state of Texas (called TPSP rubrics), participation in TPSP poses a challenge that can only be met by gifted and advanced populations. The TPSP rubrics evaluate students’ oral communication skills, understanding of inquiry and advanced research processes, and their advanced ability to analyze and synthesize information. Students are provided the opportunity to study which ever topics peak their curiosity or speak to their area of giftedness.



More information can also be found at

<http://www.kleinisd.net/default.aspx?name=ciadvac.tpsp>



**SAVE THE DATE!**

## GT ID : Important Dates

- 02/24/15:** GT notification letters sent home
- 03/02/15:** Kinder GT services begin
- 03/10/15:** Last day to request campus appeal for Kinder student
- 04/27/15:** Last day to request a campus appeal for Grades 1-11 student
- 04/20/15:** Campus appeal decisions sent home
- 05/04/15:** Last day to request a district appeal

### ACT & SAT Preparation in Klein

The Klein ISD offers all enrolled students in grades 7-11 opportunity to prepare for the ACT/SAT by experiencing the testing pathways to both of these college entrance exams. The SAT College Readiness Pathway includes the ReadStep and the SAT. Preparing for the ACT begins with challenging the grade level appropriate Aspire exams.

**SENIORS:** Registration for the free seminars listed to the right is on a first come/first served basis for all seniors. Each campus is hosting more seminars in addition to those listed below. Students can visit their campus counseling office for more information.

## Spring 2014-15 FREE ACT & SAT Seminar Dates

| Date    | Test | Register By | Host Site     |
|---------|------|-------------|---------------|
| Feb 28  | SAT  | Feb 18      | Klein Forest  |
| Feb 28  | ACT  | Feb 18      | Klein Collins |
| Apr 18  | ACT  | Apr 8       | Klein HS      |
| Apr. 25 | SAT  | Apr 15      | Klein HS      |

### ATTENTION PARENTS: Scores are IN!

If you have a student in grades 7, 8, 9, 10, or 11 know that your student was given a score report for either the ACT-Aspire test, the SAT-ReadiStep, or the PSAT that was administered in October. For more information about these score reports visit <http://www.kleinisd.net/default.aspx?name=ciadvac.path> and see the handout “College Entrance Exams: The Parent’s Role”. If you do not have the home report, please contact your student’s guidance counselor for a copy.



February 28, 2015 Tomball High School

**DI Regional Tournament**

Klein ISD Teams:

- 56 Elementary (representing 25 schools)
- 29 Intermediate (representing 8 schools)
- 7 High School (representing all 4 schools)

April 10-11, 2015 Dallas, TX

**Affiliate Tournament**



Destination Imagination is a creative problem solving education organization striving to promote creativity in the young people of Texas. DI's core program is an education program in which student teams solve open-ended challenges and present their solutions at Tournaments. Teams are tested to think on their feet, work together and devise original solutions that satisfy the requirements of challenges.

[northharris.texasdi.org](http://northharris.texasdi.org) [texasdi.org](http://texasdi.org)



**Noetic Learning Math Contest**

for Elementary School Students

45 students from Zwink participated in the Noetic Learning Math Contest. Noetic Learning Math Contest is a national elementary math problem solving contest held twice a year. 19,367 young mathletes representing 1,279 teams across the country participated in this year's fall contest. **The third grade team from Zwink finished 1<sup>st</sup> in Klein ISD and 5<sup>th</sup> in the NATION!** Additionally, several Zwink students also received the **National Honor Roll** title awarded to the top 10% of participating mathletes. [noetic-learning.com](http://noetic-learning.com)

Congratulations to the Zwink Zebra Mathletes: Ryan Amyx, Trenton Wessel, Noah Richhart, Peyton Wessel, Muneeba Ehtesham, Blake Corejo, Tyler Chadwick, Austin Haynes, Alexa Phuong, Thong Nguyen, Eria Farias, Grace Skinner, Saif Hamad, Tanya Smith, Maureen Cave, Kristina Tolman, Devyn Noerger, and Paula Rodriguez.

We are so proud of your educational excellence!



**Academic Decathlon**



The United States Academic Decathlon (USAD) is a program that provides high school students an opportunity to experience the challenges of rigorous academic competition through participation in nine-member team activities. Region and state competitions are held for schools based on district size. Based on a point system the highest scoring team represents the state at the national USAD competition.

**Texas Academic Decathlon**

**REGIONAL MEET**

January 30-31, 2015

**KLEIN COLLINS**  
**ADVANCES TO**  
**STATE!!!**



**Texas Academic Decathlon**

**STATE MEET**

February 27-28 & March 1, 2015

50 teams advance on to the State Meet including Klein Collins HS!

**Academic Octathlon**

REGIONAL MEET

April 25, 2015



**Academic Pentathlon**

DISTRICT SCRIMMAGE March 24, 2015 KMPC

REGIONAL MEET

April 25, 2015



*"Education is not the filling of a pail, but the lighting of a fire"*