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Dear Prospective Baylor TIP Parent,

I am thrilled to announce the official launch of the Baylor University Talent Identification Program (Baylor TIP) this fall. Through talent search programs like Baylor TIP, students in Grades 4–5 and Grades 7–8 take above-level assessments to determine how best we can meet their needs as gifted and advanced learners—and transform potential into excellence.

Baylor TIP's mission is to identify exceptional talent in STEM and the humanities and provide world-class learning opportunities commensurate with students' exceptional potential. Baylor TIP focuses on both the identification of talent through our assessments and the opportunity to develop talents and interests through customized educational recommendations and out-of-school programs.

Students qualify to take our above-level assessments through *any one of three* avenues:

- score in the top 25% on one or more subtest of a state or national standardized exam (local norms are recommended but not required),
- be formally identified as gifted or talented by a district, or
- be recommended by a teacher, administrator, and/or parent.

The first step of the talent search is to identify student talent. Baylor TIP offers four above-level assessments, which can be taken online. Students who are qualified to take the assessments will select one of the following to complete:

- College Readiness Assessment (CRA) for Grades 7–8,
- College Readiness Assessment 8/9 (CRA 8/9) for Grades 4–5,
- Indicator of Academic Readiness (IAR) for Grades 7–8, or
- Indicator of Academic Readiness 8/9 (IAR 8/9) for Grades 4–5.

More detailed information on the assessments is available on our [website](#). Parents can register their students individually at any time on the website. The testing window to be considered for our May Recognition Ceremony is October 1–February 28 of each year. Students who are registered individually by parents take the assessment online at their own home.

After testing, students will receive a detailed score report with their results as well as educational recommendations. Once students are a part of Baylor TIP, they are eligible to participate in our educational programs through Grade 12.

If this is of interest to you, I encourage you to attend one of our upcoming information sessions via Zoom to learn more about the program and how your child can become part of Baylor TIP.

We are excited to launch Baylor TIP and look forward to helping gifted and talented students develop their talent(s).

Sincerely,

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