



## G/T Scholar Academic Awards (Honor Cords)

Graduation cords are awarded *to encourage and reward students who are identified in G/T content areas to remain in the highest levels of service offered by Midland Independent School District*. Therefore, the cords are given to graduating seniors who have maintained G/T Performance Standards\* and continuous enrollment in up to four (4) secondary G/T content areas in which they have been identified. Entry after grade 9 will not qualify for the award unless the student transfers into Midland ISD with equivalent G/T courses which will be reviewed and approved by the G/T Services.

The Department of G/T Services staff reviews the academic records to determine the students who receive cords and submits the lists and cords to the high school campuses for distribution and recognition during the 6<sup>th</sup> six weeks annually. The Academic Achievement Record (AAR) and the identification records are individually reviewed to ascertain entry dates and whether or not the student remained in the appropriate G/T classes throughout the applicable high school grades. Students who transfer into MISD during grades 9-12 must have completed equivalent G/T courses in the prior district/s. Parents may request an appeal *through their counselor* after cords are awarded prior to graduation to determine whether or not an error has been made.

### Courses to be completed in order to qualify for G/T Scholar Cords

#### English:

English 1 G-PreAP

English 2 G-PreAP

AP English Language & Composition G or GD

AP English Literature & Composition G or GD

#### Math:

*(Students who complete Algebra and Geometry G-PreAP prior to Grade 9)*

Algebra 2 G-PreAP in grade 9

PreCalculus G or GD in grade 10

Independent Study in G/T Math in grade 11

AP Calculus BC G in Grade 12

*(Students who complete Algebra 1 in Grade 8)*

Geometry G-PreAP

Algebra 2 G-PreAP

PreCalculus G or GD

AP Calculus BC G

#### Science:

Biology G-PreAP

Chemistry G-PreAP

AP Physics 1 (Physics G-PreAP: Class of 2016)

Choice of:

AP Biology G, AP Chemistry G,

AP Physics B G, AP Physics C G,

AP Environmental Science G,

Anatomy & Physiology G, OR

Science Research & Design GH

#### Social Studies:

World History G-PreAP

World Geography G-PreAP

AP U.S. History G or GD

AP U.S. Government G or GD AND

AP Macro Economics G or GD &

AP Micro Economics G or GD

### Awards: Double Honor Cords As Follows:

Completion in ONE Content Area:	Solid Gold with Solid Silver
Completion in TWO Content Areas:	Solid Gold with Gold/Silver Intertwined
Completion in THREE Content Areas:	Solid Gold with Gold/Silver/White Intertwined
Completion in FOUR Content Areas:	Solid Gold with Gold/Silver/White/Maroon Intertwined (LHS) Solid Gold with Gold/Silver/White/Purple Intertwined (MHS)

\*G/T Performance Standards in each G/T course (grades 9-12):

Final average greater than or equal to 80

No two 6-weeks averages in a semester below 70

No semester grade in a G/T designated course below 70

Scores on each state assessment equal state minimum standard or higher