

## **What Parents Need to Know About**

CSI: Challenging Scientific Investigations



What is the CSI Program?	<ul> <li>CSI, Challenging Scientific Investigations, is a Brenham ISD Initiative that provides an opportunity for 2nd - 6th Grade Gifted and Talented students to explore science and technology as they read, write, solve problems, conduct experiments and apply science to their daily lives. CSI provides: <ul> <li>Excellent field experiences with hands-on, scientific research methods and labs</li> <li>Enhancement of technology standards with regional robotics tournaments</li> <li>Learning extensions that evolve with science and interests</li> <li>Empowers students to problem solve and discover solutions</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
Who qualifies for the program?	Brenham ISD screens students for the G/T program using a multi-criteria approach to selection with 3 phases of placement. G/T identification is based upon data collected from achievement tests, ability tests, parent and teacher observation surveys, and student products from Kingore Planned Experiences.
What services are provided by the program?	Students who participate in CSI attend once a week for half a day using technology and other STEM related activities to create innovative projects and research. Students make connections within lab investigations and independent research in order to relate discoveries to culminating field experiences. As students gain confidence when they face and overcome challenges, students leave knowing the importance of gracious professionalism.
How do students exit the program?	Parents must provide permission to have their child participate in the G/T programs. A student participating in the G/T program will remain in the program until he/she leaves the district, graduates from high school, or is furloughed (temporarily not receiving services) or exited from the G/T program.

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