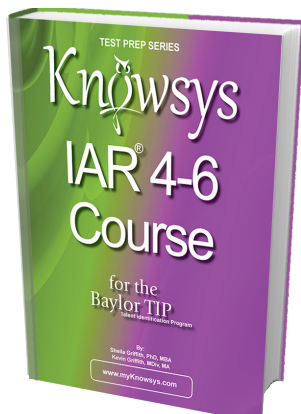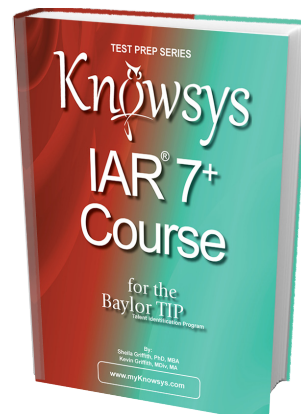# Talent Identification Program
IAR Courses

In the Talent Identification Program (TIP), identified top students are given the opportunity to take a high-level, challenging, timed test (either the IAR 4-6 or the IAR 7$^+$). The experience of preparing for and taking the IAR 4-6 or IAR 7$^+$ as a younger student will shape their academic thinking and help them to be better students throughout middle and high school. These students represent the district's National Merit pipeline, and we believe it is imperative to give them this academic boost early to help them maximize their achievement throughout middle and high school.

TIP IAR 4-6 and IAR 7$^+$ Course Pedagogy, Strategies, and Methods:

- Students learn methods and review content for Math, Science, Reading, Vocabulary, and Grammar.

- The Knowsys Courses give students an overview of the test, an introduction to strategic test taking, and knowledge and skills to apply appropriate level content knowledge to test-level questions.

- The goal of the course is to enable students to achieve TIP qualifying scores on the IAR 4-6 or IAR 7$^+$ exam by focusing on applying and extending the knowledge the students bring with them to the course. Scoring at or above qualifying levels opens the doors to additional advanced academic opportunities from Baylor University and other enrichment programs.

Course Details:

- **Target students:** Students who qualify to take the Baylor TIP IAR 4-6 or IAR 7$^+$ grade)

- **Course Elements:**
    - Information Sessions for campus administrators, counselors, and GT teachers
    - Information Session and Results Sessions for Students and Parents
    - Format 1: Courses with 15 or more hours of instruction
    - Format 2: Workshops (4-6 hours)

- **Instructional Materials:**
    - Knowsys TIP IAR 4-6 or IAR 7$^+$ Workbook
    - Vocabulary Games by Knowsys App
    - The Knowsys Homophones Flashcards
    - The Knowsys Level 7 or Level SAT Flashcards
    - Knowsys pencils
    - Knowsys backpack

- **Recommended Professional Development:** 12 hours of training (6 for math/science & 6 for verbal)

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