

2009 KPGT Candidate Forum Format

- Designated tables will be provided for campaign literature and signs. Campaign material may not be displayed in any other area.
- All candidates will be provided with a small notepad, pen and water bottle. Seating will be behind a skirted table.
- By participating in the forum, all candidates are giving their consent to the forum being videotaped and posted to the web site of KPGT (www.kpgt.org). This is done to inform voters who are unable to attend in person. All candidates will be informed via email when the video is available on the site.
- All candidates will have an equal amount of time to speak. There will be a timekeeper in front of you who will indicate when your time is up. There will be cards showing 1 minute, 30 seconds, 15 seconds, and time up. Please stop when your time is up.
- Opening remarks will be made in random order within each race. Each candidate will have 2 minutes to state their qualifications and/or why the voters should choose them.
- Before and during the opening remarks, audience members may submit written questions to the candidates. KPGT representatives will provide cards on which questions will be submitted. The cards will be collected at the conclusion of the opening remarks. They will then be condensed to capture the most common interests of the audience and given to the moderator.
- After the opening remarks, the question segment will begin. Every candidate will have the opportunity to answer first and to answer last. Questions will be passed alternately to the left and to the right to ensure that all candidates will have an opportunity to answer both before and after the other candidate(s) for the same position.
- The first three questions have been developed by the KPGT Board – generally about the gifted education information sent to candidates in advance, and will be answered by the candidates while the questions from the audience are being organized. While three questions will be prepared, KPGT may reduce the number of their questions in favor of questions from the audience.
- Each candidate will have 2 minutes to respond, pass, or simply indicate agreement or disagreement, to each question.
- Candidates are to refrain from directing comments to a specific individual. Time constraints do not allow for a fair way to give time to rebuttals. Should you feel a rebuttal is needed, add this to your closing remarks.
- No later than 8:35 p.m. the question period will end and the candidates may make closing remarks. Each candidate will have 3 minutes for closing remarks. Closing remarks will be made in the reverse order as Opening remarks within each race.
- Candidates are reminded that the forum may not discuss any issues that may be currently involved in litigation with the Katy Independent School District.
- Katy Parents of Gifted and Talented Students, Inc. does not endorse any political candidate. Our goal for this event is to promote awareness of education issues in our community of Katy.