



Gifted & Talented Services

Parent/Guardian Nomination Form for Current Elementary Students

Due: January 20, 2017-Please return to the Principal or G/T Coordinator at your **child's school**. Parents/Guardians should complete this form if they believe their child is performing well above grade level or demonstrating exceptional strengths or talents and would like their child's performance and achievement to be reviewed to determine eligibility for gifted education services. While classroom teachers are expected to challenge every student according to his/her abilities, sometimes supplemental curriculum is necessary.

Please use the list below to help you distinguish the differences between a bright child and a gifted learner (Janice Szabos, *Challenge*) as you complete this form. The list does not describe all the traits and attitudes of gifted children, as all children are diverse in their characteristics; however, it is a good reference of distinguishing characteristics.

Bright Child	Gifted Learner
1. Knows the answers	1. Asks the questions
2. Is interested	2. Is highly curious
3. Is attentive	3. Is mentally and physically involved
4. Has good ideas	4. Has wild silly ideas
5. Works hard	5. Plays around, yet tests well
6. Answers the questions	6. Discusses in detail; elaborates
7. Top group	7. Beyond the group
8. Listens with interest	8. Shows strong feelings and opinions
9. Learns with ease	9. Already knows
10. 6-8 repetitions for mastery	10. 1-2 repetitions for mastery
11. Understands ideas	11. Constructs abstractions
12. Enjoys peers	12. Prefers adults
13. Grasps the meaning	13. Draws inferences
14. Completes assignments	14. Initiates projects
15. Is receptive	15. Is intense

Once this form is received, the District Gifted & Talented Team will consult and analyze test and performance data to determine if additional assessments are warranted and if the criteria for formal identification have been met. The results of the screening process will be communicated to parents through a meeting, phone call or letter.

Student's Name _____

Current Grade _____ School _____ Birth date _____

I am recommending my child be tested for:

Math _____ (Grades 4-6)

Parent/Guardian Inventory Checklist

Please complete, by checking one column after each of the following statements that best describes your child.

When have you observed this characteristic?	Seldom or never	Some of the time	Most of the time	Virtually all of the time
1. Imagines things to be different than the way they actually are. "Wonders what if?" or "What would happen if?"				
2. Has self-stimulated curiosity; shows independence in trying to learn more about something.				
3. Chooses difficult problems over simple ones.				
4. Is selected by peers for positions of academic leadership.				
5. Adapts readily to new situations, flexible in thought and action; not disturbed if the normal routine is changed.				
6. Organizes and brings structure to things, people and situations.				
7. Uses unique and unusual ways to solve problems.				
8. Displays a great deal of curiosity about many things, often going beyond known or conventional limits.				
9. Possesses a large store house of information about a variety of topics beyond the usual interests of this age.				
10. Reasons things out, thinks clearly, and comprehends meaning.				
11. Expresses interest in understanding self and others.				
12. Possesses the interest of an older child or adult in games and reading.				
13. Is alert and keenly observant and responds quickly.				
14. Strives toward perfection, is self critical, is not easily satisfied with own speed or products.				
15. Makes generalizations and draws conclusions that summarize complex information.				
16. Can perform more difficult mental tasks than peers.				
17. Seems to sense what others want and helps to accomplish it.				
18. Tends to direct others in activities.				
19. Is able to work through frustration and maintain focus.				
20. Sees flaws in things, including own work, and can suggest better ways to do job or reach an objective.				
21. Has many different ways of solving problems.				
22. Challenges authority when sense of justice is offended, structures alternative approaches.				
23. Displays a mature sense of humor.				
24. Has unusually advanced vocabulary for age level, uses terms in a meaningful way.				

Please check below which area(s) may apply to your child, **and give specific examples of behaviors** that support this area of nomination.

General Intellectual Ability

Processes new information quickly, uses advanced vocabulary, sees connections in concepts, focuses for long periods of time on special interests, or enjoys solving puzzles and problems. Please list examples:

Specific Academic Ability

Shows unusual/advanced ability in:

___ Math

Please attach copies of any other information which you believe is relevant and would assist us in getting to know your child's interests and abilities. (e.g., exceptional work samples, academic accolades, outside testing results, evidence of participation in outside educational programs)

___ I understand that tests of ability, aptitude, or achievement may be administered to my child as part of the identification process. Result summaries of all G/T testing will be shared with parents.

Parent/Guardian Name _____ Date _____

Parent/Guardian Signature _____

Phone Number _____ Email Address _____

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