

**Gifted and Talented Program  
Farmington Public Schools**

**PARENT RECOMMENDATION FORM**

Student name: \_\_\_\_\_ Grade: \_\_\_\_\_

Date of birth: \_\_\_\_\_ Age: \_\_\_\_\_

Parents' names: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Preferred parent contact (email or phone #): \_\_\_\_\_

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*Please check any of the following characteristics that pertain to your child:*

- \_\_\_ 1. Has advanced vocabulary, expresses himself/herself well.
- \_\_\_ 2. Thinks quickly
- \_\_\_ 3. Recalls information easily.
- \_\_\_ 4. Wants to know how things work.
- \_\_\_ 5. Puts unrelated ideas together in new and different ways.
- \_\_\_ 6. Becomes bored easily.
- \_\_\_ 7. Asks why, questions almost everything.
- \_\_\_ 8. Likes "grown-up" things, prefers to be with older children or adults.
- \_\_\_ 9. Has a great deal of curiosity.
- \_\_\_ 10. Is adventurous, is a risk taker.
- \_\_\_ 11. Has a good sense of humor.
- \_\_\_ 12. Tends to dominate others if given a chance, likes to be in charge.
- \_\_\_ 13. Is persistent, sticks to a task.
- \_\_\_ 14. Is aware of his/her surroundings and what is going on.
- \_\_\_ 15. Has a long attention span.
- \_\_\_ 16. Wanted to do things for himself/herself early, independent.
- \_\_\_ 17. Child has skipped a grade.
- \_\_\_ 18. Child has participated in a preschool program.
- \_\_\_ 19. Child was reading before entering Kindergarten.
- \_\_\_ 20. Child has been in a Gifted and Talented program before.

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Why do you think your child should be included in the Talent Pool? You may wish to list examples of ideas, projects, creative endeavors, special talents, recreational choices, attitudes, needs, etc...

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*Score the following items as best describes your child from your perspective:*

1 = seldom

2 = occasionally

3 = often

4 = all the time

- \_\_\_ 1. Is alert beyond his/her years.
- \_\_\_ 2. Likes school.
- \_\_\_ 3. Has interests of older children or adults in games or reading.
- \_\_\_ 4. Sticks to a project once it has begun.
- \_\_\_ 5. Is observant.
- \_\_\_ 6. Has lots of ideas to share.
- \_\_\_ 7. Has many different ways of solving problems.
- \_\_\_ 8. Is aware of problems others do not often see.
- \_\_\_ 9. Uses unique and unusual ways of solving problems.
- \_\_\_ 10. Wants to know how and why.
- \_\_\_ 11. Likes to pretend.
- \_\_\_ 12. Other children call him/her to initiate play activities.
- \_\_\_ 13. Asks a lot of questions about a variety of subjects.
- \_\_\_ 14. Is not concerned with details.
- \_\_\_ 15. Enjoys and responds to beauty.
- \_\_\_ 16. Is able to plan and organize activities.
- \_\_\_ 17. Has above average coordination, ability, and ability in organized games.
- \_\_\_ 18. Often finds and corrects own mistakes.
- \_\_\_ 19. Others seem to enjoy his/her company.
- \_\_\_ 20. Makes up stories and has ideas that are unique.

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**STUDENT INVENTORY**

Please write your answers to the following questions in the area provided. Give some thought to your answers and be specific. Feel free to use the back or extra paper if needed.

1. What are your favorite TV programs and why?
2. How often do you keep up with current events and how?
3. What are the best books you have read in the last year?
4. About how much time do you spend reading outside of school?
5. Do you belong to any extracurricular groups?
6. What do you enjoy doing most in your free time?
7. List your hobbies.
8. Do you have any other specific interests or passions?
9. What are your favorite school subjects and why?

10. If you could change one thing about school, what would it be? Why?
11. When you finish school, what would you like to be?
12. If you were given a half day of free time at school, how would you like to use it?
13. Name a hero or an adult who you admire and describe why you chose them.
14. What continuous pressures have either challenged you or limited you in school? Be specific.
15. What do you expect Gifted and Talented classes to be like?
16. How do you feel being in GT would improve school for you?
17. Describe the most creative piece of work you have ever done? When did you do it?
18. In a paragraph, explain why would you like to be in GT?