

MCLEAN

Independent School District



POLICY AND PROCEDURES

FOR ACADEMICALLY GIFTED AND TALENTED STUDENTS

Nondiscrimination

McLean ISD does not discriminate on the basis of race, religion, color, national origin, economic status, sex, or disability in providing education services, activities, and programs, including vocational programs in accordance with Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, as amended; Title IX of the Educational Amendments of 1972; and Section of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, as amended.

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STATE GOAL FOR SERVICES FOR GIFTED STUDENTS

Students who participate in services designed for gifted students will demonstrate skills in self-directed learning, thinking, research, and communication as evidenced by the **development of innovative products and performances** that are advanced in relation to students of similar age, experience, or environment and reflect individuality and creativity. High school graduates who have participated in services for gifted students will have produced **products and performances of professional quality** as part of their program services.

-Texas State Plan for the Education of Gifted/Talented Students

STATE DEFINITION OF GIFTED/TALENTED STUDENT

§ 29.121. DEFINITION: In this subchapter, "gifted and talented student" means a child or youth who performs at, or shows the potential for performing at, a remarkably high level of accomplishment when compared to others of the same age, experience, or environment and who:

- (1) Exhibits high performance capability in an intellectual, creative, or artistic area;
- (2) Possesses an unusual capacity for leadership; or
- (3) Excels in a specific academic field.

Added by Acts 1995, 74th Leg., ch. 260, § 1, eff. May 30, 1995.

MCLEAN INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT'S DEFINITION OF GIFTED

McLean ISD defines gifted and talented as any child or youth in grades K-12 who performs at, or shows the potential for performing at, a remarkably high level of accomplishment when compared to others of the same age, experience, or environment and who

- (1) Exhibits high performance capability in general intellectual ability or creativity.
- (2) Excels in one or more specific academic fields: math, science, language arts, and/or social studies

MCLEAN INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT'S
GOAL FOR THE GIFTED/TALENTED SERVICES

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PROGRAM GOALS
FOR THE GIFTED/TALENTED SERVICES K-12

1. IDENTIFICATION - Identify students in grades K-12 who demonstrated an academic need for gifted services using the criteria established by the district, approved by the board, and in compliance with the state mandates.

2. SELF-DIRECTED LEARNERS - Develop the students' capacities to become self-directed and to be confident in their ability to research and process information and to create and communicate their findings as they produce and present advanced-level products or performances as well as products and performances of professional quality at the high school exit level.

3. COMPLEX THINKING SKILLS - Enhance and refine the abstract and complex thinking and reasoning of these students through more sophisticated creative and critical thinking activities as they reflect and refine their own thinking processes.

4. APPROPRIATE INSTRUCTIONAL STRATEGIES - Provide students with multiple opportunities to participate in learning experiences using advanced content (within the four core areas) which are defensibly differentiated in depth, complexity and range through modification to content and/or process and/or product. Students will be able to work independently, with groups of other gifted students, and with groups of non-gifted peers.

IDENTIFICATION PROCEDURES AND PROCESSES

K-12

McLean Independent School District has board approval on the identification procedures and processes of students K-12 for the services of the Gifted/Talented Program. These procedures meet state requirements (§29.121 & TAC 89.1) and have been designed to ensure the identification of any student who demonstrates educational need for the services of the program under the established guidelines.

Texas Administrative Code §89.1: Student Assessment.

School districts shall develop written policies on student identification that are approved by the local board of trustees and disseminated to parents. The policies must:

- (1) Include provisions for ongoing screening and selection of students who perform, or show potential for performing, at remarkably high levels of accomplishment in the areas defined in the Texas Education Code, §29.121;
- (2) Include assessment measures collected from multiple sources according to each area defined in the Texas State Plan for the Education of Gifted/Talented Students;
- (3) Include data and procedures designed to ensure that students from all populations in the district have access to the assessment process and, if identified as having significant educational need for advanced academics, services for the gifted/talented program;
- (4) Provide for final qualification of students (through a blind process) to be made by a committee of at least three local district educators who have received training in the nature and needs of gifted students; and
- (5) Include provisions regarding furloughs, reassessment, exiting of students from program services, transfer students, and appeals of district decisions regarding program placement.

McLean Identification Timeline:

| | Elementary/ Secondary |
|---|----------------------------------|
| Referral procedures published | August |
| Referrals acceptance period | August |
| GT Assessment | September |
| Gifted/Talented committee meets on grade completed assessments | October |
| Written parental permission for services obtained for identified students | November/ December |
| Services begin for identified students | January |

*Students new to McLean ISD and who have not been identified in a previous school district will be eligible for nomination and assessment at the next annual referral period.

DISSEMINATING INFORMATION

Anyone may nominate a student for the program at the period of annual referrals listed on the timeline above. Referral forms are available at the main office. Referral forms may be submitted to the main office only during the period of referral acceptance. The screening instruments will match the program's services.

Parents are informed of the identification policies through the district website, and/or by request of the written policy and procedures for the Gifted/Talented program.

REFERRAL PROCESS

Referrals can originate from anyone during the referral period. Students are nominated with a formal referral sheet to be given to the campus designee. Written parent or guardian permission is required to screen/assess a student. If a parent does not want his/her child to be screened, this information will be documented.

SCREENING/ASSESSMENT PROCESS

A student profile is used to identify those students who perform, or show the potential for performing, at remarkably high levels of accomplishment relative to their age, peers, experience, or environment. The profile will reflect a **minimum of three (3)** criteria used in the assessment. The criteria used will be a combination of **qualitative and quantitative** instruments and **may include**:

- School Abilities Test such as the Naglieri Nonverbal Ability Test (NNAT), the Otis-Lennon School Abilities Test (OLSAT), The Cognitive Abilities Test (CogAT), the Screening Assessment for Gifted Elementary and Middle School Students Edition 2 (SAGES-2), or other school abilities tests as deemed appropriate for the student;
- Achievement Test such as the Metropolitan Achievement Test (MAT), the Iowa Test of Basic Skills (ITBS), the Screening Assessment for Gifted Elementary and Middle School Students Edition 2 (SAGES-2), or other achievement tests as deemed appropriate for the student;
- Divergent thinking assessment such as the Torrence Test of Creative Thinking, the Creative Assessment Packet (CAP), or other divergent thinking assessment as deemed appropriate for the student;
- Teacher and Parent Rating Scales such as the Gifted and Talented Evaluation Scales (GATES), the Renzulli-Hartman Teacher Rating Scales, the Purdue Teacher Rating Scales, or other rating scales as deemed appropriate for the student;

Kindergarten students screeners may include:

- ISIP
- CIRCLE -CLI
- Ten Black Dots and Shapes
- TPRI
- Parent Survey and or Teacher Survey
- Or any other rating scales as deemed appropriate for the student

All student information collected during the screening and identification process will remain a part of the child's educational record and are subject to the protections of Board Policy FL (LEGAL).

QUALIFICATION PROCESS

The student profile identifies the student's strengths and weaknesses. The percentiles and/or scores from the assessment instruments are plotted on the student profile. Each student's profile is individually evaluated by the Gifted/Talented Committee through a blind (no name) process. A student clearly qualifies for Gifted/Talented services if most of the evidence on the profile falls within the *High*

and/or *Superior* ranges on the profile. The decision is based on the committee's observation of the preponderance of the evidence on the student's profile.

The Gifted/Talented committee consists of at least three district educators. All committee members have been trained in nature and needs of gifted students. The Gifted/Talented Committee makes a professional judgment based on the recorded student profile data. As the committee evaluates the data on the students nominated, the committee has three options:

- The preponderance of profile data indicates the student exhibits educational need and would benefit from the services offered in the Gifted/Talented.
- There is insufficient evidence in the documentation at this time indicating the student's educational needs would best be met by the Gifted/Talented program. The preponderance of evidence indicates the student's educational needs would best be served with the services of the regular curriculum.
- Further information is requested for the committee to make a qualification decision.

Once the identification process is complete, parents or guardians are notified of the Gifted/Talented Committee's decision via U.S. Mail within ten school days. Parents of all screened students may request a conference to examine their child's assessment results.

ADDITIONAL POLICIES AND PROCEDURES

TRANSFER OF STUDENTS

All students who have participated in gifted and talented programs in the state of Texas prior to coming to McLean ISD will automatically become part of the Gifted/Talented Program, without further assessment. Due to differences in state standards, records and achievement data of identified Gifted and Talented students from states other than Texas will be automatically reviewed. A decision about placement in the Gifted/Talented program will be rendered within 30 days of the receipt of Gifted and Talented assessment records from the student's previous state.

APPEALS PROCESS

Appeals will first be handled through McLean ISD's selection committee. Any subsequent appeals requests will be made to the campus administrator.

FURLOUGH PROCEDURE

A furlough is a temporary "leave of absence" from the Gifted/Talented Program designed to meet the individual needs of an identified student. Anyone may request a furlough: parent, student, teacher, or administrator. Requests for a furlough will be given to the campus administrator and members of the Gifted/Talented committee for consideration. A student may be furloughed for a period of time deemed appropriate by the Gifted/Talented committee. At the end of the furlough, the student's progress shall be reassessed, and the student may re-enter the Gifted/Talented program, be removed from the program, or be placed on another furlough. Furloughs are designed to be short-term and temporary and should **never be used for an entire school year**.

A furlough does not indicate a permanent exiting of the program. Furloughs could be utilized for a variety of extenuating circumstances. Any student may be granted a furlough from the program for various issues, such as over-commitment, family concerns, serious illness, failure to demonstrate progress in the program, or any other circumstances which would inhibit or curtail the student's performance in the program. The furlough may also be used prior to a formal exit from the program for those students who are unable to maintain satisfactory performance within the learning opportunities of the Gifted/Talented program. A furlough might also provide the student an opportunity to attain performance goals established by the Gifted/Talented committee. A furlough is arranged to meet the individual needs of the student.

REASSESSMENT

McLean ISD will not conduct formal reassessment of gifted/talented students at other grade levels as long as the student's educational needs are being met within the services of the program. If there is any concern regarding the performance or placement of the student, the Gifted/Talented teacher or the district Gifted/Talented Coordinator will contact the parent and confer about available options. Options available are counseling, requesting a furlough, or exiting the student from the program.

EXIT

Student performance in the program shall be monitored. A student shall be removed from the program at any time the Gifted/Talented committee determines it is in the student's best interest **and** a furlough has been ineffective. If a parent requests in writing that their child be removed from the program, the Gifted/Talented committee shall grant the request. Once a student is exited from the program he/she must submit to the identification procedures and exhibit educational need to be readmitted.

PROVISION OF STUDENT SERVICES

McLean Independent School District offers a variety of learning experiences and opportunities for Gifted/Talented students in grades K-12 which meet the mandates of the Texas Administrative Code. These services include, but are not limited to, integrating Depth and Complexity into the curriculum, requiring advanced level products and performances, and allowing identified Gifted/Talented students the opportunity to work independently, in groups, and with other identified students.

Texas Administrative Code §89.3. Student Services

School districts shall provide an array of learning opportunities for gifted/talented students in kindergarten through Grade 12 and shall inform parents of the opportunities. Options must include:

- (1) Instructional and organizational patterns that enable identified students to work together as a group, to work with other students, and to work independently;
- (2) A continuum of learning experiences that leads to the development of advanced-level products and performances as well as differentiated strategies in the regular classroom and the Pre-AP and AP classrooms;
- (3) In-school and, when possible, out-of-school options relevant to the student's area of strength that are available during the entire school year; and
- (4) Opportunities to accelerate in areas of strength.

A continuum of learning experiences will be provided in the Gifted/Talented services which lead to the development of advanced-level products and/or performances. Such services shall include use of depth and complexity elements, differentiation of content, process and/or product in the regular or Pre-AP/AP classroom, a pull-out program, participation in regional Gifted/Talented student seminars, independent studies, participation in the Texas Performance Standards Project, concurrent or dual-enrollment classes, or other services as deemed appropriate for the student. Services are available in all four core academic areas including Language Arts, Math, Science and Social Studies. Creativity will be served through integrated instruction and the development of advanced level products and performances. Identified students will work independently, with other identified students, and with students of other abilities.

Documentation of services will be maintained and parents will be notified of in-school and out-of-school options during the school year that are relevant to the needs of the gifted and talented students. Progress reports may be included in the student's report card. Credit by Examination is available. For more information on Credit by Examination, contact the student's campus.

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT AND ONGOING TRAINING IN GIFTED EDUCATION

McLean Independent School District is committed to providing its staff with appropriate and meaningful professional development which enables the staff to meet the unique and individual educational needs of all students including services for gifted/talented students. It is important that all staff who are responsible for formally servicing these students obtain appropriate training for educating the gifted child. The district will require at least the minimum hours of training as mandated by the state:

Texas Administrative Code §89.2. Professional Development

1. Prior to assignment in the program, teachers who provide instruction and services that are a part of the program for gifted students have a minimum of 30 hours of staff development that includes nature and needs of gifted/talented students, assessing student needs, and curriculum and instruction for gifted students;
2. Teachers without training required in paragraph (1) of this section who provide instruction and services that are part of the gifted/talented program must complete the 30-hour training requirement within one semester;
3. Teachers who provide instruction and services that are a part of the program for gifted students receive a minimum of six hours annually of professional development in gifted education; and
4. Administrators and counselors who have authority for program decisions have a minimum of six hours of professional development that includes nature and needs of gifted/talented students and program options.

PROGRAM EVALUATION

McLean ISD will annually evaluate the Gifted/Talented program by surveying all stakeholders including students, parents/guardians, and teachers. The evaluation data will be presented to the school board, administrators, teachers, counselors, students in the gifted and talented program, and community members. The evaluation data will be used as a needs assessment to be addressed in the district/campus improvement plans.

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PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENT OF REFERRAL PERIOD

Public Notice

McLean ISD is now accepting referrals for students who may need Gifted/Talented Services for the school year. This program is designed for students who exhibit intellectual and creative thinking abilities at an extraordinary level not normally served in the regular classroom. Services are provided only upon identification of the education needs of the student. Anyone wishing to refer a student attending McLean ISD in first grade through twelfth grade this school year is asked to go by the main office and request a copy of the referral form. All kindergarten students are automatically considered. There will be an open referral period from November 30 through December 18, where students can be referred for GT. Referrals will not be accepted after the deadline. Testing will take place in February (August 2021). Once testing is completed, parents will receive a letter that states if the student qualifies for the program.

ANUNCIO PÚBLICO DEL PERIODO DE REFERENCIA

Aviso Público

El Distrito Escolar de McLean está aceptando referencias para estudiantes que puedan necesitar servicios de Gifted/Talented (programa para estudiantes que tengan talentos/inteligencia a nivel más alto que otros) durante el año escolar. Este programa está diseñado para estudiantes que muestran habilidades de pensamiento intelectual y creativo a un nivel extraordinario que normalmente no se ofrece en el aula regular. Los servicios se brindan solo después de la identificación de las necesidades educativas del estudiante. Cualquier persona que desee referir a un estudiante que asiste a McLean ISD del primer grado al duodécimo grado este año escolar debe pasar por la oficina principal y solicitar una copia de la forma de recomendación. Todos los estudiantes de kindergarten se consideran automáticamente incluidos. Habrá un período de referencia abierto en agosto, donde los estudiantes pueden ser referidos para GT. No se aceptarán referencias después de la fecha límite. Las pruebas se llevarán a cabo en septiembre. Una vez que se completen las pruebas, los padres recibirán una carta que indica si el estudiante califica para el programa. Personas que no puedan ir por la escuela deben de llamar a la oficina de la escuela para pedir que se le envíe la forma.

Gifted/Talented Services Referral Form

McLean Independent School District

Gifted/Talented Referral Form

I, _____, as parent/guardian/teacher/community member or other would
(Please print) (Please circle)

like to refer _____ for the Gifted/Talented screening and assessment
(Print student's name)

process. I believe this child has an extraordinarily high level of intellectual or academic ability and that his/her educational needs can best be met by Gifted/Talented Services. I understand the school district will make every effort to determine the best possible educational services based on the student's educational needs. This child is currently in grade _____.

Signature of person making referral

Relationship to the Student

Date

McLean Independent School District
Gifted/Talented Initial Assessment Permission Form

Dear Parent/Guardian,

Your child, _____, has been referred for testing to see if he/she would benefit from Gifted and Talented Services for McLean ISD. To receive proper services, your child will need to be assessed. The Gifted/Talented Committee will look at numerous pieces of information before eligibility for services can be established. After the student is tested and the Gifted/Talented Committee has evaluated all information by a blind process, the Committee will determine what is best for your child based on your child's assessment data. You will receive written notification of the decision made by the committee.

Please return this form to your child's teacher as soon as possible if you would like the school to assess your child. Thank you for your cooperation.

Sincerely,

Child's Name: _____

_____ Yes, I give my permission for you to assess my child for Gifted/Talented Services.

_____ No, I do not wish to have my child tested at this time.

Parent/Guardian Signature: _____

Date: _____

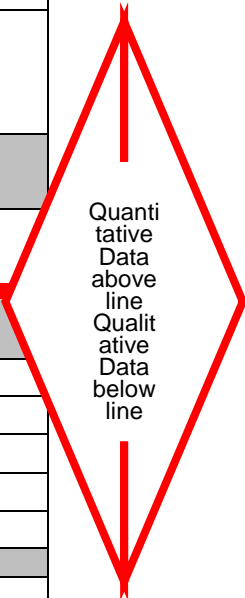
McLean ISD Gifted/Talented Student Identification Profile

Student # _____



District line:
Minimum of 2
Quantitative
criteria above line

| | Below Average | Average | Bright | Excellent | Superior |
|--|---------------|---------|---------|-----------|----------|
| School Ability (IQ) | <85 | 85-109 | 110-124 | 125-135 | 136+ |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> OLSAT or SAGES2 Reasoning (K-8) or CogAT or NNAT or other School Ability test as appropriate | | | | | |
| Achievement Scores (percentiles) | ≤50 | 51-80 | 81-90 | 91-95 | 96-99 |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> SAGES-2 Math/Sci. (K-8) of ITBS or MAT8 or other achievement test as appropriate | | | | | |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> SAGES-2 ELA/SS (K-8) of ITBS or MAT8 or other achievement test as appropriate | | | | | |
| Divergent Thinking | ≤85 | 85-100 | 101-116 | 116-131 | 131+ |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Torrance Test of Creative Thinking | | | | | |
| Teacher Rating Scales (Nonacademic) | | | | | |
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| Teacher Rating Scales (Academic) | | | | | |
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| Parent Rating Scale | | | | | |
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District line:
Minimum of 2
Qualitative
criteria
above line

Gifted/Talented Committee Action:

At this time, this student does, or does not exhibit educational need to receive McLean ISD Gifted/Talented services.

Student # _____

Date of Decision: _____

Committee Member Signatures:

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| _____ | _____ |
| _____ | _____ |
| _____ | _____ |

McLean Independent School District
Gifted/Talented Services
Determination of Educational Need Form

To the parents of: _____ Date: _____

After examining your child's gifted and talented assessment data and evaluating your child's specific educational needs, the Gifted/Talented Identification Committee has determined your child exhibits an educational need to be served through the Gifted/Talented services.

If you would like to schedule an appointment to look at your child's assessment results, please contact your child's campus administrator.

Sincerely,

**McLean Independent School District
Gifted/Talented Services
Determination of Educational Need Form**

To the parents of: _____ Date: _____

After examining your child's gifted and talented assessment data and evaluating your child's specific educational needs, the Gifted/Talented Identification Committee does not feel your child exhibits educational need to benefit from Gifted/Talented services at this time. However, your child may be referred for testing again next year for further evaluation.

If you would like to schedule an appointment to look at your child's assessment results, please contact your child's campus administrator.

Sincerely,

**McLean Independent School District
Parent Permission for Gifted/Talented Services Form**

Student's Name: _____

Address: _____

Home phone: _____ Work phone: _____

Grade: _____ Teacher: _____

Your child has met the educational qualifications for placement in the Gifted/Talented program. Before we can officially begin program services for your child, we must have your written approval for your child to receive services. Please complete this form and return it to school as soon as possible.

Please check the appropriate space:

_____ YES, I give permission for our son/daughter to receive Gifted/Talented Services.

_____ NO, I do not want our son/daughter to receive Gifted/Talented Services.

Parent/Guardian Signature: _____

Date: _____

**McLean Independent School District
 Gifted/Talented Services
 Student Progress Report**

Student's Name _____ Grade Level _____

Teacher _____ Six Week's Report

This six weeks, your child received Gifted/Talented services through the following:

- Pullout program
 Push In Program
 GT Inclusion

Your child's progress and work habits during G/T services for this six weeks are as follows:

| Criteria | Evident | Not Evident |
|---|---------|-------------|
| 1. Routinely provides useful ideas when participating in group and classroom discussion; a definite leader who contributes a lot of effort. | | |
| 2. Provides work of the highest quality. | | |
| 3. Routinely uses time well throughout assignments and projects to ensure things get done on time. If group work, group members do not have to adjust deadlines or work responsibilities because of this student's procrastination. | | |
| 4. Actively looks for and suggests solutions to problems. | | |
| 5. Never is publicly critical of the work of others. Always has a positive attitude about the task(s). | | |
| 6. Brings needed materials to class and is always ready to work. | | |
| 7. Almost always listens to, shares with, and supports the efforts of others. Tries to keep people working well together. | | |
| 8. Work reflects this student's best efforts. | | |

Comments from the teacher: _____

**McLean Independent School District
Gifted and Talented Services
Furlough from G/T Services Form**

Requested by: _____

Student's Name: _____

Student's Grade: _____ Date: _____

Length of Furlough Requested _____

Reason for request:

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Gifted/Talented Committee Decision:

_____ Furlough Granted _____

Furlough Denied

Date of committee meeting: _____

Return date:

Length of Furlough: _____

Comments:

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|-------------------|--|-------------------|--|
| Parent: | | Committee Member: | |
| Student: | | Committee Member: | |
| Committee Member: | | Committee Member: | |

Signatures:

**McLean Independent School District
Gifted/Talented Services
Exit from G/T Services Form**

Student's Name: _____

Date: _____ Grade Level: _____

Person Requesting Exit: _____ Relationship to Student: _____

To be completed by person requesting Exit:

Reason for Exit Request:

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Was a furlough from G/T services considered and/or granted? _____

Results of furlough? _____

Gifted/Talented Committee Decision:

_____ Exit Granted

_____ Exit Denied

Note: Once a student has been exited from Gifted/Talented services, the student is subject to referral and identification to determine educational need for the program before readmission.

Comments:

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Signatures:

Student: _____

Parent: _____

Gifted/Talented Committee Members:

McLEAN INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT

GIFTED AND TALENTED PROGRAM

PARENT CHECKLIST FOR OBSERVED STUDENT BEHAVIORS

| | |
|---------------------|--------------|
| CHILD'S NAME: _____ | DATE: _____ |
| SCHOOL: _____ | GRADE: _____ |

Please take a few minutes to better help us understand your child by checking the appropriate items below. This list is not intended to be all-inclusive, but general in nature. Filling in the items below and returning this form constitutes permission for McLean ISD to use this information in making professional determinations about your child regarding the Gifted and Talented Program.

| For each item, place a check in the box which most applies to the above named student. | 4 | 3 | 2 | 1 |
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| 1. Is alert beyond his years | | | | |
| 2. Is observant | | | | |
| 3. Has lots of ideas of share | | | | |
| 4. Is aware of problems others often do not see | | | | |
| 5. Uses unique and unusual ways of solving problems | | | | |
| 6. Likes to pretend | | | | |
| 7. Enjoys and responds to beauty | | | | |
| 8. Is able to plan and organize activities | | | | |
| 9. Often finds and corrects own mistakes | | | | |
| 10. Makes up stories and has ideas that are unique | | | | |
| 11. Has a wide range of interests | | | | |
| 12. Likes to play organized games and is good at them | | | | |
| 13. Enjoys other people and seeks them out | | | | |
| 14. Is able and willing to work with others | | | | |

| 4 = Almost Always 3 = Sometimes 2 = Rarely 1 = Almost Never | 4 | 3 | 2 | 1 |
|--|---|---|---|---|
| 15. Learns rapidly and retains information | | | | |
| 16. Resourceful; can solve problems | | | | |
| 17. Has ability to concentrate for longer period of time | | | | |
| 18. Has high energy level | | | | |
| 19. Has advanced vocabulary; expresses him/herself well | | | | |
| 20. Thinks quickly and recalls facts easily | | | | |
| 21. Wants to know how things work | | | | |
| 22. Was interested in books before starting school | | | | |
| 23. Asks for reasons | | | | |
| 24. Questions almost everything; curious | | | | |
| 25. Is adventurous; anxious to try new things | | | | |
| 26. Is persistent; sticks to a job or task | | | | |
| 27. Displays signs of independence | | | | |
| 28. Often plays with older children | | | | |

DISTRITO ESCOLAR INDEPENDIENTE DE McLEAN
PROGRAMA DE ALUMNOS DOTADOS Y TALENTOSOS
LISTA DE CHEQUEO DEL COMPORTAMIENTO DEL ALUMNO OBSERVADO

NOMBRE DEL ALUMNO: _____ FECHA: _____

ESCUELA: _____ GRADO: _____

Por favor tome unos minutos para comprender mejor a su hijo(a) mediante el chequeo de las descripciones apropiadas de más abajo. Esta lista no es un chequeo exhaustivo, sino que sólo de naturaleza general. El llenado de la siguiente lista y la devolución de este formulario constituye el permiso al D. E. I. de McLean para usar esta información en la determinación profesional acerca de su hijo(a) para el Programa de Alumnos Dotados y Talentosos.

| Para cada ítem, escribe una X en el cuadro que es la mejor descripción acerca de a las características del alumno nombrado anteriormente | 4 | 3 | 2 | 1 | 4 = Casi Siempre Raramente | = | 2 | 3 = A Veces Nunca | = | 1 | Casi Nunca | 4 | 3 | 2 | 1 |
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| 1. Es alerta fuera de sus años | | | | | 15. Aprende rápidamente y retiene la información | | | | | | | | | | |
| 2. Es observador | | | | | 16. Tiene recursos; puede resolver problemas | | | | | | | | | | |
| 3. Tiene muchas ideas para compartir | | | | | 17. Tiene habilidad para concentrarse por largos periodos de tiempo | | | | | | | | | | |
| 4. Es consciente de problemas que parecen obvios a otros | | | | | 18. Tiene altos niveles de energía | | | | | | | | | | |
| 5. Usa formas únicas y distintas para resolver problemas | | | | | 19. Tiene un vocabulario avanzado; se expresa bien | | | | | | | | | | |
| 6. Le gusta fingir | | | | | 20. Piensa con rapidez y recuerda hechos rápidamente | | | | | | | | | | |
| 7. Disfruta y responde a la belleza | | | | | 21. Desea saber cómo funcionan las cosas | | | | | | | | | | |
| 8. Es capaz de planificar y organizar actividades | | | | | 22. Se interesaba en los libros antes de entrar al colegio | | | | | | | | | | |
| 9. A menudo encuentra y corrige sus propios errores | | | | | 23. Pregunta razones | | | | | | | | | | |
| 10. Inventa historias y tiene ideas que son únicas | | | | | 24. Pregunta casi todo; es curioso(a) | | | | | | | | | | |
| 11. Tiene un amplio rango de intereses | | | | | 25. Es aventurero(a); ansioso de probar nuevas cosas | | | | | | | | | | |
| 12. Le gusta jugar juegos organizados y es bueno en ellos | | | | | 26. Es persistente; se dedica a sus trabajos y tareas | | | | | | | | | | |
| 13. Disfruta a otras personas y las busca | | | | | 27. Muestra signos de independencia | | | | | | | | | | |
| 14. Es capaz y deseoso de trabajar con otras personas | | | | | 28. A menudo juega con otros niños | | | | | | | | | | |

McLEAN INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT

GIFTED AND TALENTED PROGRAM

TEACHER CHECKLIST FOR OBSERVED STUDENT BEHAVIORS

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| CHILD'S NAME: _____ | DATE: _____ |
| SCHOOL: _____ | GRADE: _____ |

Please supply the requested information about the above named child. This information will be used in making professional determinations concerning the child's placement in the McLEAN ISD Gifted and Talented Program.

| For each item, place a check in the box which most applies to the above named student. | 4 | 3 | 2 | 1 | 4 = Almost Always 3 = Sometimes 2 = Rarely 1 = Almost Never | 4 | 3 | 2 | 1 |
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| 1. Uses vocabulary above his/her grade level | | | | | 15. Displays an unusual curiosity | | | | |
| 2. Can read above age expectations | | | | | 17. Is an independent thinker | | | | |
| 3. Understands numerical concepts beyond age expectations | | | | | 18. Reveals originality in ideas; unusual or different | | | | |
| 4. Has insight and readily grasps the intent and direction of ideas | | | | | 19. Has a well-developed sense of humor | | | | |
| 5. Drawing may be sophisticated, elaborate for age level | | | | | 20. Fantasizes, imagines, manipulates | | | | |
| 6. Shows originality in expressions (verbal and written) | | | | | 21. Works well in a group | | | | |
| 7. Demonstrates advanced motor skills | | | | | 22. Has a positive attitude | | | | |
| 8. Is a keen and alert observer | | | | | 23. Is accepted by classmates | | | | |
| 9. Masters the basic skills quickly | | | | | 24. Has unusual sensitivity to people's feelings | | | | |
| 10. Transfers learning easily (generalizes) | | | | | 25. Handles social situations easily | | | | |
| 11. Is a self-motivated learner; enjoys learning | | | | | 26. Has ability to organize people | | | | |
| 12. Organizes and uses time wisely | | | | | 27. Has high energy level | | | | |
| 13. Is task committed (completes tasks promptly) | | | | | 28. Perseveres in problem solving work | | | | |
| 14. Works well independently | | | | | 29. Has answers to questions most of the time | | | | |
| 15. Possesses high standards of performance for self | | | | | 30. Senses a deeper meaning to an answer by producing more detail | | | | |

**McLean Independent School District
Campus Administrator Responsibilities**

| August-September | November-December | Spring |
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| <input type="checkbox"/> New district faculty members providing Gifted/Talented services have secured the 30 hours of G/T foundational required professional development. If this is not possible, new faculty must obtain the training within one semester. | <input type="checkbox"/> Place notice of referral for student assessment on school website. Notice should be available in English as well as Spanish. | <input type="checkbox"/> Oversee administration of assessment instruments to nominated students. |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Administrators and counselors who have authority to make program decisions, or assess students, should have 6 hours of Nature and Needs of the Gifted professional development. | <input type="checkbox"/> Campus administrator should have referral forms available. | <input type="checkbox"/> Kindergarten assessment should be completed by mid-February. |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Campus principals are provided with an updated list of identified Gifted/Talented students. | <input type="checkbox"/> Once the referral period has closed, obtain written parental permission for assessment of each student. | <input type="checkbox"/> Meet with Gifted/Talented Committee to discuss qualification of Kindergarten students prior to March 1 . Kinder identified students must receive services by March 1. |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Annually establish means of informing parents how students will receive services (meeting, letter, website). | <input type="checkbox"/> Maintain staff development records of applicable staff | <input type="checkbox"/> Notify PEIMS coding coordinator of identified Kinder students prior to March 1 . |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Make copies of local Gifted/Talented policy and procedures available at each campus as well as The Texas State Plan for the Education of Gifted/Talented Students (http://ritter.tea.state.tx.us/gted/GTStatePlanEnglishAug05.pdf), and upon request by individuals. | <input type="checkbox"/> As TTESS walk-throughs and observations are conducted, look for evidence of teachers using Depth and Complexity with their G/T students as well as requiring advanced level products and performances. | <input type="checkbox"/> Meet with Gifted/Talented Committee in May to discuss qualification of students in grades 1-12. |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Check with PEIMS coding coordinator to confirm correct coding of newly identified students. | <input type="checkbox"/> Assure current G/T teaching faculty have obtained a 6-hour G/T credit professional development update | <input type="checkbox"/> Administer and collect surveys over G/T services from teachers, students, and parents. Aggregate data and disseminate to superintendent, campus administrators, school board, and District Improvement Team. |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Attend fall G/T Coordinator meeting at Region 16 in September. | | <input type="checkbox"/> Collect student progress reports from G/T students for year |
| | | <input type="checkbox"/> Attend Spring G/T Coordinator meeting at Region 16 in May. |

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| <input type="checkbox"/> To the extent possible, cluster G/T students in the same class sections. | | <input type="checkbox"/> Campus Improvement Plans should contain at least one indicator for improvement of G/T services each year based on campus survey data. |
| | | <input type="checkbox"/> As spring identification are finalized, place copy of student profile for qualifying students in permanent records |
| | | <input type="checkbox"/> If identified students are moving to another campus, ensure students' are sent to new campus. |

**McLean ISD
G/T Teacher Responsibilities**

| Beginning of Year | Ongoing | End-of-Year |
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| <input type="checkbox"/> If this is your first year to provide Gifted/Talented services, make sure you have secured the 30 hours of G/T foundational required professional development. If this is not possible prior to the school year beginning, it must be obtained before the end of the first semester. Maintain copies of professional development records as proof of training. | <input type="checkbox"/> Differentiate for identified students on a regular basis through incorporating Depth and Complexity, as well as advanced products and performances. Other means of differentiation can be offered at your discretion based on student needs. Grades should always be based on grade-level TEKS. | <input type="checkbox"/> Assist district G/T Coordinator and campus administrator in administering and collecting surveys over G/T services from teachers, students, and parents. |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Obtain a current list of identified Gifted/Talented students. | <input type="checkbox"/> Maintain student product/performance documentation. | <input type="checkbox"/> Submit 2 nd semester documentation of progress reports to your campus administrator. |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Obtain a copy of local G/T policy and procedures as well as The Texas State Plan for the Education of Gifted/Talented Students from your campus administrator. Familiarize yourself with district and state requirements. | <input type="checkbox"/> Maintain documentation of student progress reports and submit to your campus administrator at the end of each semester. | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Document GT services on classroom lesson plans. | <input type="checkbox"/> Make sure you have received 6-hours of G/T update professional development credit each year you provide Gifted/Talented services and maintain copy of certificate for proof. | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Coordinate with your campus administrator to establish a means of informing parents how students will receive services (meeting, letter, website, etc.). | <input type="checkbox"/> By November 30, refer students who you feel would benefit from gifted and talented services for assessment. Submit nomination form to the committee. | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> If parents of identified students request copies of local Gifted/Talented policy and/or procedures, as well as The Texas State Plan for the Education of Gifted/Talented Students, secure copies from your campus administrator. | | |
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