



Warren Hills Regional Middle School

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Gifted and Talented Education Nomination Form for 2017-2018

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Teachers, parents/guardians, and/or students may nominate any 7th or 8th grade student to be assessed and considered for placement in the middle school gifted and talented program for the 2017-2018 school year. This nomination form is one of the multiple measures used to identify a gifted and talented student, and it begins the identification process. For further information and details regarding the identification process, please refer to policy # 2464 as can be found on the district website www.warrenhills.org.

Student's Name: _____

Student's Grade: 7th or 8th

Name of Person Nominating: _____

Signature of Person Nominating: _____

Circle One: Teacher Parent/Guardian Peer Self

Date Nominated: _____

Directions: On the back of the form, please provide a narrative giving *very specific examples* of how this student has exhibited characteristics, traits, qualities, activities, abilities and/or behaviors that are evidence of a gifted learner according to the attached chart (Bertie Kingore, 2004) to help you distinguish among a higher achiever, a gifted learner or a creative thinker. The list does not describe all the traits or behaviors of gifted and talented learners. However, it is simply a reference of distinguishing characteristics to be used as a guide, not as a check list.

Upon completion, please return this form to Mr. Michael Perruso, Gifted and Talented Teacher by **Monday, May 22, 2017** via e-mail perrusom@warrenhills.org or send to the above address.

The results of the screening process will be communicated to parents/guardians through a phone call, e-mail, or letter. Any child nominated will continue in the screening process in the early fall, and with parent permission, will take a standardized English Language Arts and Mathematics assessments.

Thank you for your valuable input and completing the gifted and talented nomination form. If there are any questions, please contact Mr. Perruso directly.

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Chart Comparing High Achievers, Gifted Learners, and Creative Thinkers

A High Achiever...	A Gifted Learner...	A Creative Thinker...
Remembers the answers	Poses unforeseen questions	Sees exceptions
Is interested	Is curious	Wonders
Is attentive	Is selectively mentally engaged	Daydreams; may seem off task
Generates advanced ideas	Generates complex, abstract ideas	Overflows with ideas, many of which will never be developed
Works hard to achieve	Knows without working hard	Plays with ideas and concepts
Answer the questions in detail	Ponders with depth and multiple perspectives	Injects new possibilities
Performs at the top of the group	Is beyond the group	Is in own group
Responds with interest and opinions	Exhibits feelings and opinions from multiple perspectives	Shares bizarre, sometimes conflicting opinions
Learns with ease	Already knows	Questions: What if...
Needs 6 to 8 repetitions to master	Needs 1 to 3 repetitions to master	Questions the need for mastery
Enjoys the company of age peers	Prefers the company of intellectual peers	Prefers the company of creative peers but often works alone
Understands complex, abstract humor	Creates complex, abstract humor	Relishes wild, off-the-wall humor
Grasps the meaning	Infers and connects concepts	Makes mental leaps: Aha!
Completes assignments on time	Initiates projects and extensions of assignments	Initiates more projects that will ever be completed
Is receptive	Is intense	Is independent and unconventional

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A High Achiever...	A Gifted Learner...	A Creative Thinker...
Is accurate and complete	Is original and continually developing	Is original and continually developing
Enjoys school often	Enjoys self-directed learning	Enjoys creating
Absorbs information	Manipulates information	Improvises
Is a technician with expertise in a field	Is an expert who abstracts beyond the field	Is an inventor and idea generator
Memorizes well	Guesses and infers well	Creates and brainstorms well
Is highly alert and observant	Anticipates and relates observations	Is intuitive
Is pleased with own learning	Is self-critical	Is never finished with possibilities
Gets A's	May not be motivated by grades	May not be motivated by grades
Is able	Is intellectual	Is idiosyncratic

Kingore, B. (2004). Retrieved from: <http://www.bertiekingore.com/high-gt-create.htm>

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