



Warren Hills Regional Middle School

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Gifted & Talented Education, Nomination Form for 2023-2024

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Teachers, parents/guardians, and/or students may nominate any incoming 7th grade student or rising 8th grade student to be assessed and considered for placement in the middle school gifted and talented program for the 2023-2024 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 that may be found on the district website www.warrenhills.org.

Student's Name: _____

Student's Grade for 2023-2024 SY: 7th Grade 8th Grade

Student's School for 6th Grade: _____

Name of Person Nominating: _____

Signature of Person Nominating: _____

Email Address of Person Nominating: _____

Circle One: Teacher Parent/Guardian Peer Self

Date Nominated: _____

Directions: In the space provided on next page, 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) in order 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 checklist.

Upon completion, please return this form to Mrs. Jacqueline Solecitto, Gifted and Talented Teacher by **Monday, May 15, 2023** via email solecittoj@warrenhills.org or send to the above mailing address.

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

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

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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.
Comprehends at a high level.	Comprehends in-depth, complex ideas.	Overflows with ideas--many of which will never be developed.
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.
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). High Achiever, Gifted Learner, Creative Learner. *Understanding Our Gifted*.
Szabos, J. (1989). Bright child, gifted learner. *Challenge*, 34. Good Apple.