



Lake Worth Independent School District

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Dear Parents,

The Lake Worth Independent School District will accept referrals of students in grades K-11 for the Gifted and Talented program through December 1, 2020. Referrals to G/T may come from a parent or teacher. Parents may make a referral by picking up a G/T referral form from the school office. Once the G/T referral form is received, a G/T packet will be mailed to you. Two forms will need to be completed by the parent(s): A *Parent Inventory*, and *Permission to Test* form. The two forms must be completed and turned into the student's school office before a student can be tested. A *Teacher Inventory Form* will be given to the student's teacher(s) after a completed packet is received. The teacher(s) will return this form directly to the Campus G/T Coordinator.

All Parent forms **must** be completed and returned to the school office by **December 18, 2020**.

The LWISD G/T Program is designed to provide a differentiated curriculum for students who have special learning needs due to being a "gifted learner."

If you have any questions regarding whether to refer your child, his/her teacher would be a valuable resource to contact. If you need to know more about the program or have any questions or concerns about the referral process, please contact the G/T Coordinator, Patti Whelan at pwhelan@lwisd.org.

We will also be having a G/T Informational night via zoom on November 5, 2020 at 6:30 pm where we will discuss the G/T program and how the program runs through Lake Worth ISD.

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88626602383?pwd=Mjh0OWpJblhvbFprTVJmcHhZQmpHdz09>

Meeting ID: 886 2660 2383

Passcode: 239124

Please note that no referrals will be accepted after December 1, 2020. To avoid delays, please take the completed forms directly to the school office. Thank you for your attention.

Sincerely,

Patti Whelan

Patti Whelan
G/T Coordinator

How do I know if I should referral my child for Gifted and Talented Services?

A gifted/talented student is 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

- exhibits high performance capability in an intellectual, creative, or artistic area;
- possesses an unusual capacity for leadership; or
- excels in a specific academic field. (Texas Education Code §29.121)

The Bright Child...

vs.

The Gifted Learner...

- *Knows the answer
- *Is interested
- *Is attentive
- *Has good ideas
- *Works hard
- *Answers the questions
- *Top group
- *Listens with interest
- *Learns with ease
- *6-8 repetitions for mastery
- *Understands ideas
- *Enjoys peers
- *Grasps the meaning
- *Completes assignments
- *Is receptive
- *Enjoys school
- *Absorbs information
- *Technician
- *Is alert
- *Is pleased with own learning

- *Asks the questions
- *Is highly curious
- *Is mentally and physically involved
- *Has wild, silly ideas
- *Plays around, yet tests well
- *Discusses in detail, elaborates
- *Beyond the group
- *Shows strong feelings and opinions
- *Already knows
- *1-2 repetitions for mastery
- *Constructs abstractions
- *Prefers adults
- *Draws inferences
- *Initiates projects
- *Is intense
- *Enjoys learning
- *Manipulates information
- *Inventor
- *Is keenly observant
- *Is highly self-critical

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