



## **PULASKI COUNTY SPECIAL SCHOOL DISTRICT**

### **Office of Talented and Gifted Programs**

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January, \_\_\_\_\_

Dear Parent(s):

We are currently accepting referrals for evaluation of students who may be eligible for the Pulaski County Special School District's Talented and Gifted Programs, school year \_\_\_\_\_. A Referral for Evaluation may be accepted from parents, teachers, students, or others who may have specific knowledge of the child.

Our gifted programs are focused on academically gifted and highly motivated students. The purpose of this program is to enable students identified as gifted to reach their intellectual potential by providing them with opportunities and experiences that will challenge and further develop their thinking, reasoning, and problem-solving skills.

While most bright students can be accommodated in the traditional classroom with minor modifications to the general curriculum, gifted students show a higher level of intellectual ability, and require a more individualized program to meet their needs.

Because gifted students learn more quickly, many opportunities are provided to explore more deeply into curriculum units of study that create a balance between rigor and the joy of learning. The curriculum focus areas are research, critical thinking, problem-solving, and communication skills.

The identification process is very thorough as students are identified and placed in the Talented and Gifted Programs after an evaluation committee has carefully reviewed assessment data which includes, but is not limited to the following: achievement tests, intelligence/abilities test, creativity tests, parent observations/behavioral checklists/questionnaires and student grades. The committee looks for evidence of an interaction of above average intellectual ability, task commitment and/or motivation, and creative ability. If you believe your child needs or should be referred for the PCSSD Talented and Gifted Programs please complete the attached PCSSD Referral for Evaluation and return to the Talented and Gifted Facilitator/Alpha Teacher at your local school.

**\*PLEASE RETURN REFERRAL FORM BY -- FRIDAY, JANUARY 29TH.**

**ALL Nominated Virtual Students WILL need to test at school.**

Sincerely,

QUESTIONS? EMAIL: [sreid2286@pcssd.org](mailto:sreid2286@pcssd.org)

Alpha/TAG Facilitator

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Laura Shirley, Director of Talented and Gifted Programs



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## PCSSD TALENTED AND GIFTED REFERRAL FOR EVALUATION RECORD

Student Name \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**Please complete the following information on the child that is being nominated:**

Name of person nominating student: \_\_\_\_\_

Please check one of the following: I am a ☐ Student ☐ Teacher ☐ Parent ☐ Counselor ☐ Other

Parent Name \_\_\_\_\_

Phone#: Home \_\_\_\_\_ Work \_\_\_\_\_ Cell \_\_\_\_\_

Parent Email Address \_\_\_\_\_

School \_\_\_\_\_ Current Teacher \_\_\_\_\_

Has this child been tested for GT in the past? ☐ **Yes** ☐ **No** ☐ **Not Sure**

Language(s) spoken in the home \_\_\_\_\_

Current Grade: \_\_\_\_\_ DOB: \_\_\_\_\_ Race: \_\_\_\_\_ Gender: \_\_\_\_\_ MALE \_\_\_\_\_ FEMALE \_\_\_\_\_

**Please check each characteristic that most accurately describes the student:**

<u><b>INTELLECTUAL</b></u> ____ Learns facts quickly. ____ Comprehends abstract ideas/concepts. ____ Enjoys challenging tasks/problems. ____ Reasons things out. ____ Is curious about many things; asks many questions. ____ Likes to play complex games involving logic/strategy. ____ Displays an interest in more mature topics. ____ Has extensive knowledge about many different topics.	<u><b>ACADEMICS</b></u> ____ Wants to learn new things. ____ Learns information/skills quickly, with little practice. ____ Maintains intense/sustained interest in a subject. ____ Reads independently; does not avoid difficult material. ____ Uses advanced vocabulary/verbal expressions. ____ Self-motivated to learn. ____ Is able to analyze/report information.
<u><b>CREATIVITY</b></u> ____ Solves problems in new or different ways. ____ Fantasizes: asks "What if?" questions. ____ Creates original poems and stories. ____ Have innovative ideas. ____ Uses new/different methods to do things. ____ Is interested in/engages in new activities. ____ Produces original or unusual products or ideas.	<u><b>LEADERSHIP/MOTIVATION</b></u> ____ Demonstrates strong sense of justice and fair play. ____ Initiates/organizes play activities for group situations. ____ Likes to "take charge" in group situations. ____ Is respected by peers. ____ Demonstrates leadership among peers