

# Should I Refer my Child for GT Testing?

Starting December 9-December 20, parents, teachers, and administrators are invited to refer students for testing for GT services. These services are designed to meet the unique social, emotional, and intellectual needs of gifted students. We encourage you to complete the checklist below to better determine whether or not your child may benefit from such services. Please note that while the statements below may be useful in guiding your decision in referring your student for testing, the decision to refer ultimately belongs to you.

Characteristics of a Gifted Learner	Check if statement applies	Characteristics of High Achiever	Check if statement applies
My child knows the questions.		My child knows the answers.	
My child is highly curious.		My child is interested.	
My child is mentally involved.		My child is attentive.	
My child is physically involved.		My child is able to sit for long periods.	
My child has wild, silly ideas.		My child has good ideas.	
My child plays around, and tests well on exams.		My child works hard at school and assignments.	
My child elaborates with details.		My child answers the questions.	
My child is beyond the group most of the time.		My child is in the top group.	
My child shows strong feelings and opinions.		My child listens with interest.	
My child needs only 1-2 repetitions for mastery.		My child needs 3 or more repetitions for mastery.	
My child constructs abstractions.		My child understands ideas.	
My child prefers adults.		My child enjoys peers.	
My child has trouble distinguishing their fantasy world from the real world.		My child is a realist.	
My child has a quick sense of humor or dry sense of humor.		My child takes most things literally.	
My child draws inferences.		My child grasps the meaning.	
My child initiates projects.		My child completes assignments.	
My child is intense.		My child is receptive.	
My child is a perfectionist on his/her terms.		My child takes great satisfaction in good grades.	
My child creates a new design.		My child can take long and accurate notes.	
My child gets upset when someone won't/can't answer all their questions.		My child likes to answer the questions not ask them.	
My child enjoys learning.		My child enjoys school.	
My child manipulates information.		My child absorbs information.	

If you checked 5 or more in the characteristics of a gifted learner, then a GT referral is highly recommended. To refer your child for GT testing, please fill out the [Request for Screening Form](#). If you have any questions, don't hesitate to reach out to your child's counselor or the district Director of Special Programs at 979-277-3700.