



The Nomination Period for the Lancaster ISD Gifted and Talented Program is Now Open

The Exploration Academy of Lancaster ISD is accepting nominations for 1st – 12th grade students until December 13, 2013 for the gifted and talented program. A teacher, previous teacher, counselor, parent, administrator, or community person may nominate students. Students may also self-nominate. **If a student has been previously identified as gifted, the child does not need to be re-assessed.**

Nomination materials may be picked up by parents or students in the counselor's office of the student's assigned school. The nomination form should be returned to the counselor's office **no later than December 13, 2013.**

Students who are nominated will be contacted for assessment. A parent permission form will also be sent to the home. Following the assessment, the Admit, Review, Exit committee will identify students for whom the Gifted and Talented Program is an appropriate placement. Placement letters will be mailed during the week of March 24, 2014. Newly identified gifted and talented students will begin the Exploration Academy in the 2013-2014 school year.

Please contact individual campus counselors or the Exploration Academy at 972-218-1590 if you need additional information.

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Note: Students who have been serviced in a Gifted and Talented Program in a previous school district should contact the campus registrar to learn how to transfer records.



GIFTED AND TALENTED ANECDOTAL/NOMINATION FORM

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Student: _____ Present teacher: _____
Last First

ID#: _____ DOB: _____ Grade: _____

Date of referral: _____ School: _____

A student may be nominated for the Gifted and Talented program by a parent, teacher, previous teacher, community member, administrator, or counselor. A student may also self-nominate. As an advocate for this student, please list reasons, including descriptions of projects, creative endeavors, academic performance, and/or community activities/work that communicate why you think this student should be in the gifted and talented program. **This section must be completed for the form to be valid.**

(You may attach an additional sheet if necessary.)

Circle your relationship to the student:

Parent Teacher Administrator Counselor Self Other: _____

How long have you know this student?

Years

Months

Please check areas of interest that the student has displayed:

Visual Arts _____ Crafts _____ Creative Writing _____ Music _____

Theater _____ Language Arts _____ Social Studies _____ Science _____

Mathematics _____ Technology _____ Psychomotor Activities _____ Other: _____

Signature of nominator: _____

Signature of parent: _____

(Parent Signature needed only if the parent nominates the student.)

Please return this form to the Counselor's Office.