

Parent Referral Form

Van Buren Public Schools

Gifted and Talented Program

Dear Parents:

Attached is the referral packet for you to use to nominate your child for the Gifted and Talented Program for the 2010/ 2011 school year.

The VBPS Gifted and Talented Program services students in grades K - 8. This program is designed for academically gifted and highly motivated students. There is a high level of academic work, and the instructional pace is mo're rapid than in general education classes. The GT Program stresses a combination of acceleration and enrichment. Because the students learn more quickly, there are many opportunities to delve more deeply into subject matter.

The elementary classrooms are at Tyler School. This is a magnet program where the students are in a gifted classroom all day for their academic subjects. The middle school program is at North Middle School. The gifted classes are English, Social Studies, Advanced Math, and Enrichment (Grade 6). Transportation is provided for all VBPS residents.

Please refer to the list of identifying characteristics when considering non-dnating your child. Discuss your plans with your child's teacher. Feel free to call me with any questions.

This is the process to nominate your child:

1. Complete the Nomination Form. (Demographic information and 3 questions)
2. Complete the Parent Checklist. (Make sure to indicate "Parent" at the bottom and write 2 short paragraphs on the back.)
3. Talk to your child's teacher and ask him/her to complete the Teacher Checklist.
4. Sign the Permission to Test form.
5. Staple all the papers and send the packet to me at Tyler Elementary School by February 12. (You can mail it to me or ask your chil&s teacher to send it to me through the school district's inter-school mail system.)

We will test students from January through March. The selection committee will meet in April, and parents will be notified of the decisions.

Sincerely,

Peggy Voigt and Barb Santo, Gifted and Talented Coordinators

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