



## NOTIFICATION OF GIFTED/TALENTED OPEN RECOMMENDATIONS K-12

Parents/Guardians:

Gifted and talented students are those who demonstrate academic and intellectual abilities and thinking processes that are **significantly advanced for their ages**. They exhibit learning characteristics that indicate a need for differentiated educational services that are more advanced than the regular instructional program. Such characteristics of a gifted child may include:

- Advanced reading skills & mathematical reasoning
- Reads widely, utilizes a large vocabulary
- Exhibits a well-developed understanding of abstraction, concepts and the "big idea"
- Takes pleasure in intellectual activities and/or problem solving
- Readily identifies cause-effect relationships; can make connections between concepts
- Seeks information for its own sake as much as for its usefulness
- Quickly identifies inconsistencies
- Possesses a large storehouse of information about a variety of topics that can be recalled quickly
- Quickly identifies similarities, differences; can attack complicated material by separating it into components and analyzing it systematically
- Exhibits characteristics of a self-directed learner

If you have a child who exhibits these characteristics, you may want to refer him/her for evaluation for **Services for Gifted and Talented Students**. Referred students should have maintained an average of 90 or better in all core subjects (reading, language arts, math, science, and social studies) for the 1st semester of the current school year.

**Referrals will be taken until April 3, 2020 for grades 1-12.**

If you wish to refer your child to be considered for this program, please complete the Parent Checklist and return it to:

LaNiece Sollock  
Vidor ISD Annex  
200 S. Archie Street  
Vidor, Tx 77662  
409.951.8737

Parent Checklists may be picked up at the above office, from each campus, or downloaded from the District website: [www.vidorisd.org](http://www.vidorisd.org). Look under the section "*for Parents*" on the right side of the homepage to print a form.

Submitting the Gifted and Talented **PARENT CHECKLIST** is the first step in the screening process for the Vidor ISD Gifted and Talented Program. Please note the following general information regarding the Parent Checklist:

- The Texas Education Agency requires school districts to collect multiple measures in the identification of students for gifted programs. The Parent Checklist is one of these measures.
- Returning the completed Parent Checklist authorizes the school district to collect additional information about your child's learning, including the administration of standardized tests, and to serve your child in the program if your child is identified.
- Read the directions on the Parent Checklist carefully and answer each question as fairly as you can. Note that giving a score of '3' or '4' requires you to provide specific examples; otherwise a score of '2' will be given.
- Make sure that you complete the appropriate Parent Checklist for your child's current grade and return it by the deadline of April 3, 2020.

Parents of students selected for placement in the program will be notified by mail during June and July 2020.