

PINELLAS COUNTY SCHOOLS  
GIFTED CHARACTERISTICS CHECKLIST AND NEEDS JUSTIFICATION

Student:	Grade:	School:	Nominated By:
Form Completed By:		[ ] Parent [ ] Educator Nominating Party: [ ] Yes [ ] No	Date Completed:

**Part 1: NEEDS JUSTIFICATION**

Specify why the student shows a need for gifted services that go beyond the general education curriculum. Check each one that applies to the student.

- ☐ Interest far advanced for general education curriculum
- ☐ Ability above general education curriculum
- ☐ Needs the stimulation of advanced program
- ☐ Social maturity above classmates

**Part 2: Characteristics Checklist**

This checklist measures the gifted characteristics that the student exhibits. Please mark all items, circling the appropriate rating. 0's do not count against student.

4- Consistently exhibits      3- Often exhibits      2- Rarely exhibits      1- Never exhibits      0- Not able to observe

**LEARNING CHARACTERISTICS**

Has a questioning attitude	4	3	2	1	0
Uses logical reasoning when problem solving	4	3	2	1	0
Retains and uses information	4	3	2	1	0
Learns skills rapidly, easily and efficiently	4	3	2	1	0
Has keen powers of observation	4	3	2	1	0
Has a long attention span in specific areas	4	3	2	1	0
Has the power to conceptualize and /or synthesize	4	3	2	1	0
Has a wide range of interests	4	3	2	1	0
Wants to know what makes people and things "tick"	4	3	2	1	0

Learning Characteristics Total \_\_\_\_ / 36

**MOTIVATIONAL CHARACTERISTICS**

Solves problems in a unique and creative manner	4	3	2	1	0
Requires little direction	4	3	2	1	0
Has a high energy level	4	3	2	1	0
Is persistent	4	3	2	1	0
Likes structure, order, and consistency	4	3	2	1	0
Is creative in thoughts and ideas	4	3	2	1	0
Displays great curiosity	4	3	2	1	0
Engages in self-directed activities	4	3	2	1	0
Sets own high standards	4	3	2	1	0

Motivational Characteristics Total \_\_\_\_ / 36

**SOCIAL ABILITIES**

Possesses leadership abilities	4	3	2	1	0
Has a highly developed sense of humor	4	3	2	1	0
Is sensitive to the feelings of others or to situation	4	3	2	1	0
Is easily upset when corrected	4	3	2	1	0

Social Abilities Total \_\_\_\_ / 16

**VERBAL ABILITIES**

Has an enriched vocabulary	4	3	2	1	0
Uses advanced vocabulary appropriately	4	3	2	1	0
Has the ability to elaborate	4	3	2	1	0
Produces unique and clever responses	4	3	2	1	0
Is uninhibited in expressions of opinion	4	3	2	1	0
Asks many questions	4	3	2	1	0
Expresses ideas which are unusual	4	3	2	1	0

Verbal Abilities Total \_\_\_\_ / 28

**Scoring:**

**Step 1:**

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Subtract the  
number of 0's you  
marked

**SUBTOTAL**

**Step 2:**

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Add up the score  
totals from each  
of the 4  
categories

Divide by the  
SUBTOTAL

**Final Score**  
Should be between  
0.0 and 4.0