

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	4	3	2	1	0
Has a questioning attitude					
Uses logical reasoning when problem solving					
Retains and uses information					
Learns skills rapidly, easily and efficiently					
Has keen powers of observation					
Has a long attention span in specific areas					
Has the power to conceptualize and /or synthesize					
Has a wide range of interests					
Wants to know what makes people and things "tick"					
Learning Characteristics Total	___/ 36				

MOTIVATIONAL CHARACTERISTICS	4	3	2	1	0
Solves problems in a unique and creative manner					
Requires little direction					
Has a high energy level					
Is persistent					
Likes structure, order, and consistency					
Is creative in thoughts and ideas					
Displays great curiosity					
Engages in self-directed activities					
Sets own high standards					
Motivational Characteristics Total	___/ 36				

SOCIAL ABILITIES	4	3	2	1	0
Possesses leadership abilities					
Has a highly developed sense of humor					
Is sensitive to the feelings of others or to situation					
Is easily upset when corrected					
Social Abilities Total	___/ 16				

VERBAL ABILITIES	4	3	2	1	0
Has an enriched vocabulary					
Uses advanced vocabulary appropriately					
Has the ability to elaborate					
Produces unique and clever responses					
Is uninhibited in expressions of opinion					
Asks many questions					
Expresses ideas which are unusual					
Verbal Abilities Total	___/ 28				

Scoring:
Step 1:

$$\underline{29} - \text{ } = \text{SUBTOTAL}$$

Subtract the number of 0's you marked

Step 2:

$$\text{SUBTOTAL} \div \text{ } = \text{Final Score}$$

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