

Child's Name:

Parent's Name:

Contact Phone:

email:

Gifted and Talented—Parent/Guardian Nomination Form

Parents/guardians should complete this form if they believe their child is performing well above grade level or is demonstrating exceptional strengths or talents and would like their child to be considered for admission to Preparatory Academy Inc.'s GATE program.

Listed below are some differences to help you distinguish between a bright child and a gifted learner. The list does not describe all the traits and attitudes of gifted children, as all children are diverse in their characteristics; however it is a good reference for distinguishing characteristics.

Bright Child	Gifted Learner
1. Knows the answers	1. Asks the questions
2. Is interested	2. Is highly curious
3. Is attentive	3. Is mentally and physically involved
4. Has good ideas	4. Has wild silly ideas
5. Works hard	5. Plays around, yet tests well
6. Answers the questions	6. Discusses in detail; elaborates
7. Top group	7. Beyond the group
8. Listens with interest	8. Shows strong feelings and opinions
9. Learns with ease	9. Already knows
10. 6-8 repetitions for mastery	10. 1-2 repetitions for mastery
11. Understands ideas	11. Constructs abstractions
12. Enjoys peers	12. Prefers adults
13. Grasps the meaning	13. Draws inferences
14. Completes assignments	14. Initiates projects
15. Is receptive	15. Is intense

Briefly describe your child's major interests, hobbies, and other creative endeavors.

What are your main reasons for seeking application to Preparatory Academy's GATE program? Share your insights about your child's talents, abilities and learning needs.

Parent/Guardian Inventory Checklist

Please check one column after each of the following statements to indicate which best describes your child.

When have you observed this characteristic?	Seldom or Never	Occasionally	Most of the Time	Virtually All of the Time
1) Imagines things to be different than the way they actually ar. "Wonders what if?" or "What would happen if?"				
2) Has self-stimulated curiosity; shows independence in trying to learn more about something.				
3. Chooses difficult problems over simple ones.				
4. Is selected by peers for positions of academic leadership.				
5. Adapts readily to new situations; flexible in thought and action; not disturbed if the normal routine is changed.				
6. Organized and brings structure to things, people, and situations				
7. Uses unique and unusual ways to solve problems.				
8. Displays a great deal of curiosity about many things, often going beyond known or conventional limits.				
9. Possesses a large storehouse of information about a variety of topics beyond the usual interests of this age.				
10. Reasons things out, thinks clearly, and comprehends meaning.				
11. Expresses interest in understanding self and others.				
12 Possesses the interest of an older child or adult in games and reading.				
13. Is alert and keenly observant and responds quickly.				
14. Strives toward perfection, is self critical, is not easily satisfied with own speed or products.				
15. Makes generalizations and draws conclusions that summarize complex information easily.				
16. Can perform more difficult mental tasks than peers.				
17. Seems to sense what others want and helps accomplish it.				
18. Tends to direct others in activities.				
19. Is able to work through frustration and maintain focus.				
20. Sees flaws in things, including own work, and can suggest better ways to do job or reach an objective.				
21. Has many different ways of solving problems.				
22. Challenges authority when sense of justice is offended, structures alternative approaches.				
23. Displays a mature sense of humor.				
24. Has unusually advanced vocabulary for age level, uses terms in a meaningful way.				

Please check below which area(s) may apply to your child, and give specific examples of behaviors that support this area of nomination. Attach student work that illustrates the ability being considered.

General Intellectual Ability: Processes new information quickly, uses advanced vocabulary, sees connections in concepts, focuses for long periods of time on special interests or enjoys solving puzzles and problems.

Specific Academic Ability: Shows unusual/advanced ability in: _____ Reading _____ Math. Thinks logically and symbolically about quantitative and special relationships, can articulate a thorough and detailed response, sees multiple pathways to solve problems, or thinks abstractly and show insight into novel situations.

Creative Ability: Has a vivid imagination, a keen aesthetic sense, unique ideas in problem solving situations, may be a risk-taker, adventurous, non-conforming, often asks "why" or sees the unusual.

Leadership Ability: Organizes and leads groups, carries responsibility well, tolerant and flexible with peers, possesses good self-confidence or may be overbearing at times.