

Parent Nomination Form

Although Talent Search remains strongly committed to the use of standardized test scores as a preliminary screening criterion for the Talent Search, we realize that fluctuating policies at the state and district level have eliminated such testing in some locales. If your child's school district does not administer or release individual results of nationally-normed tests or state tests, you, the parent, may nominate your child for the Talent Search. In order to assist you in determining whether participating in the Talent Search would be appropriate for your child, we recommend that you consider the following questions. Has your child:

1. Demonstrated unusually advanced aptitude in verbal or mathematical reasoning?
2. Consistently performed in the top five percent relative to his/her age-mates?
3. Performed exceptionally well in academically demanding course work in his/her school?
4. Demonstrated an unusual and consistent desire for additional academic challenge?

If you wish to nominate your child for the Talent Search, enter "testing waiver" on the blank line following "Others" in item 9 of the Talent Search application. Complete, sign, and separate the Standardized Testing Waiver below on the dotted line and include it with your Talent Search application and check. Please do not send it in a separate envelope.

STANDARDIZED TESTING WAIVER AGREEMENT

- My child's school does not administer standardized tests.
- I understand that Talent Search activities and opportunities are targeted for students whose abilities place them in the top five percent of their age-mates nationwide.
- I understand that out-of-level testing is challenging for the very best students and may be frustrating for students of lesser abilities.
- I have discussed my child's abilities with his or her teachers and counselors, and I believe that my child would rank at or above the 95th percentile if nationally-normed test results were available.

I recommend my child for participation in the Talent Search.

CHILD'S NAME: _____

CHILD'S ADDRESS: _____

CHILD'S SCHOOL: _____

CHILD'S GRADE: _____ 2 _____ 3 _____ 4 _____ 5 _____ 6 _____ 7 _____ 8

PARENT'S SIGNATURE: _____