

Orangeburg County School District
GATE Program Application
2024-2025

Explanation:

The main goal of the elementary/middle school gifted program is to provide students with an all-encompassing educational experience. A challenging academic program promotes high levels of student effort and achievement through the use of accelerated teaching strategies, critical and creative thinking skills, problem solving, hands-on activities, and incorporation of technology across the curriculum. Students develop individual responsibility in a program that emphasizes the link between academic achievement and future opportunity. These efforts result in a community of peers who value scholarship and academic achievement.

Who Should Apply?

Applicants must live in an area zoned for Orangeburg County School District. Students in the GATE program must be able to do **ABOVE GRADE LEVEL** work. They should learn quickly and retain knowledge well as indicated by high standardized test scores. **Ambition and motivation to excel are absolutely necessary in order to succeed in this program.**

Acceptance and Dismissal:

Acceptance into the program will be based on state criteria. Trial Placement in the GATE program is for one year. Decisions concerning continuation are based on classroom performance, test scores, and any other potential data.

All application forms are due to your child's school or in the Gifted Office in Cope on or before Friday, September 13, 2024.

INCOMPLETE APPLICATIONS WILL NOT BE REVIEWED.

A complete application will include the following:

1. **Completed application form**
2. **Two teacher recommendations** – Both recommendations must be from **current** teachers. At least one recommendation must be from the math or language arts teacher. Elementary students may use current exploratory teachers for their second recommendation.
3. **A copy of the year-end report card** – This information will be requested from schools by the Gifted and Talented office.

Parents/Guardians will be notified in writing if their child has met the criteria for admission into the program.

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APPLICATION

FULL NAME _____
OF STUDENT _____ RACE _____

STUDENT'S AGE _____ DATE OF BIRTH _____ SEX _____

CURRENT SCHOOL _____ GRADE _____

PARENTS/GUARDIANS _____

ADDRESS _____

CITY, STATE, AND ZIP _____

HOME PHONE _____ WORK PHONE _____

E-MAIL ADDRESS _____

By submitting this application and if your child is accepted into the Gifted program, you are agreeing to make a commitment to keep your child in the program for at least one year.

SIGNATURE OF PARENT/GUARDIAN _____

By submitting this application, and if you are accepted into the Gifted program, you are agreeing to make a commitment to put forth the effort needed to succeed.

SIGNATURE OF APPLICANT _____

DATE OF APPLICATION _____

Return application form **NO LATER THAN** Friday, September 13, 2024 to the test coordinator at your child's school.

For Office Use Only

Date Received _____

State Identified—Yes _____ No _____

**Orangeburg County School District
Gifted and Talented Education Program**

Teacher Checklist #1

Each applicant needs 2 recommendations.

**MUST BE COMPLETED BY CURRENT TEACHERS! ELEMENTARY STUDENTS
MAY HAVE ONE RECOMMENDATION COMPLETED BY AN EXPLORATORY
TEACHER.**

Student Name _____

Grade _____

School _____

Learner Characteristics

Each indicator should be marked as follows: 0 = seldom; 1 = sometimes; 2 = often
Please complete BOTH sections **in ink**.

A

- _____ Works diligently
- _____ Stays on task
- _____ Persists to gain understanding
- _____ Completes independent work
- _____ Completes assignments/prepares for class
- _____ Accepts challenging tasks
- _____ Motivated to do above grade level work

- _____ Subtotal

B

- _____ Discusses in detail: elaborates in oral/written expression
- _____ Creates new designs/solutions
- _____ Exhibits higher level thinking; i.e., applies, analyzes, synthesizes, and evaluates
- _____ Thrives on complexity
- _____ Appears inattentive, yet can demonstrate mastery of material

- _____ Subtotal

Teacher _____ Subject Area _____

Teacher Signature _____

Date _____

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Teacher Checklist #2
Each applicant needs 2 recommendations.

**MUST BE COMPLETED BY CURRENT TEACHERS! ELEMENTARY STUDENTS
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TEACHER.**

Student Name _____

Grade _____

School _____

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Teacher _____ Subject Area _____

Teacher Signature _____

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