



VIRGINIA BEACH CITY PUBLIC SCHOOLS CHARTING THE COURSE

Old Donation School Application for SY 2025-2026 Enrollment

Old Donation School (ODS) is a centralized gifted school serving students in grades three through eight. You may complete this application if:

1. your student is a Virginia Beach resident in grades 2 through 7,
2. your student is not currently enrolled in Virginia Beach City Public Schools, and
3. you wish for your student to be considered for selection to attend Old Donation School for the 2025-2026 school year.

If you would like this form in Spanish, Vietnamese, Mandarin Chinese, Tagalog, French, or Arabic please contact the Gifted Testing Office.

Applications should be submitted to the Gifted Testing Office, 2512 George Mason Dr, Virginia Beach, VA 23456 by the following deadlines:

- Applications for current grade 5-7 students are due by 4 p.m. on January 7, 2025.
- Applications for current grade 2-4 students are due by 4 p.m. on February 7, 2025.
Late, incomplete, faxed, or emailed applications will not be processed.

Student Name: _____
First and Last Name

Date of Birth: _____

Current School: _____ **Current Grade:** _____

Complete Home Address: _____
Street Address, City, State and Zip

Mother/Guardian's Name: _____

Email: _____ **Cell Phone Number:** _____

Father/Guardian's Name: _____

Email: _____ **Cell Phone Number:** _____

In order to be considered for Old Donation School (ODS), a student must first be identified for gifted services in Virginia Beach City Public Schools (VBCPS). If your student has not been previously identified in VBCPS, this application will first be reviewed by the Gifted Identification and Placement Committee.

Has your student been previously identified for gifted services in VBCPS? Yes No
If yes, what grade and school year did your student receive the identification? _____

As a component of the application, all applicants must take the Naglieri Nonverbal Ability Test (NNAT) and the Cognitive Abilities Test (CogAT).

Has your student taken the NNAT during school year 2024-2025? Yes No

If yes, the NNAT was taken: (when) _____ (where) _____

Has your student taken the CogAT during school year 2024-2025? Yes No

If yes, the CogAT was taken: (when) _____ (where) _____

Applicants that are identified for gifted services are then reviewed by the ODS Rating Committee.

The following components are used in the decision-making process:

- Current report card
- Standardized test scores
- Input from current teacher (see directions below)
- Student interview responses (completed by grades 6-7 only)

The process from application submission to ODS selection can take up to 90 instructional days. The process for SY 2025-2026 is outlined in the Local Plan for the Education of the Gifted and can be reviewed here:

<https://www.vbschools.com/academics/gifted/local-plan>.

I acknowledge and confirm the information on this application is accurate, and:

I am aware of the application process;

I understand only applicants that are identified for gifted services in VBCPS will be considered for selection to attend ODS;

I understand that selection to attend ODS is based on an application rating and the number of seats available;

I confirm that my student is a Virginia Beach resident; and

by signing below, I give VBCPS gifted testing office and/or VBCPS psychologists permission to test my student.

Parent/Guardian Signature: _____

Printed Name: _____

Thank you for your interest in gifted programs at Virginia Beach City Public Schools.

Directions for submission:

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Directions for attachments:

Have your student's current teacher complete the Teacher Form and Student Interview Questions (grades 6-7 only). Only one teacher form will be accepted per student. It is requested that the attachments be submitted by your student's teacher.

*You will receive a confirmation email within five instructional days of receipt of your application.
Please ensure your email address(es) are correct and legible.*



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Teacher Checklist Form

Student Name: _____

Teacher Name: _____ School/Grade: _____

Teacher Signature: _____ Date: _____

Directions: The student listed above is applying for attendance at Old Donation School (ODS). The information you provide on this checklist will be reviewed by a committee to support identification of general intellect aptitude. Each section of this form lists traits, attributes, and behaviors that may indicate giftedness along with examples of how these may be observed. Check the box if the listed trait/behavior is regularly observed.

Due Date: Please complete and return this form, along with a copy of the student's most recent report card, to the Gifted Testing Office, 2512 George Mason Dr., Virginia Beach, VA 23456, by the applicable date below.

- **Current grade 5-7 students: by 4 p.m. on February 11, 2025**
- **Current grade 2-4 students: by 4 p.m. on April 9, 2025**

I. COMMUNICATION/LANGUAGE

- Creativity in communicating ideas through nonverbal means like drawing and body language
- Voracious independent reader seeking advanced materials
- Has a keen, often unusual sense of humor
- Uses humor in speech and storytelling, making jokes and puns, and can laugh at self

II. COGNITIVE LEARNING

- Quick to master and recall information; may resist repetition
- Observant, alert, and often perceives more than peers
- Thinks elaborately, adding depth to ideas and problems
- Asks thoughtful, probing questions beyond the curriculum
- Fluent in developing ideas and generating many possibilities
- Enjoys exploring the "how" and "why" behind things
- Prefers active, hands-on learning
- Thinks originally, connecting unrelated concepts
- Transfers learning from one situation to another, applying knowledge to everyday situations
- Explains complex concepts clearly, often from multiple perspectives
- Analyzes issues from multiple perspectives
- Adept at identifying patterns and spatial relationships

III. CREATIVITY/IMAGINATION

- Playfully imagines and modifies ideas to add fun
- Takes risks; deviates from norms without fear of being different
- Engages deeply with stories; may create own stories or plays
- Preoccupied with thoughts, asks unrelated questions, appears disorganized
- Quickly bored with routine; prefers discussing ideas and problems
- Improvises with common materials; creates original products with limited resources
- Enjoys creative problem-solving, generates multiple solutions despite constraints

IV. SOCIAL/EMOTIONAL

- Perfectionistic; may criticize self/others or avoid risks
- Easily distressed
- Takes charge in group activities; may dominate discussions
- Displays maturity in judgment and decision-making
- Can be radical or aggressive in disagreements
- Questions authority figures
- Self-confident with adults; struggles to connect with same-age peers
- Exhibits deep emotional sensitivity and empathy
- Prefers being alone over larger groups

V. MOTIVATION

- Quickly becomes absorbed in tasks of interest
- Seizes learning opportunities; enjoys challenges without needing external motivation
- Exceeds minimum requirements
- Eager to learn, both in and out of school
- Persistent, with a long attention span; may overlook deadlines
- Focused and not easily distracted when solving problems

VI. INTERESTS

- Shares extensive information, sometimes beyond peers' interest
- Easily excited by various topics but may not always follow through
- Very curious, with many hobbies or one strong passion
- Pursues personal interests, occasionally neglecting classwork

Directions for anecdotal records: Use the space below to provide specific evidence and/or examples of the items checked above. Please do not use names, pronouns, or other personally identifiable information. Your input is valued and will be carefully reviewed by the committee(s).

Please limit evidence to 500 characters. Please substitute names and pronouns with "TS" or "the student".



Student Interview Questions
(For current grades 6 and 7 only)

Directions: Teachers, please read the questions, as written, to the student. If elaboration of the questions is needed for primary grade students, please see the additional information provided below each question. Script student responses in the space provided. Please complete and return this form with the Teacher Information Form.

Student Name: _____ Current Grade: _____

1. Describe what you see are your talents and strengths.

- Do you know the meaning of talents and strengths? Talents and strengths are things that might be easy to do or things that you are so good at doing that you consider yourself an expert. These may be things that you enjoy doing, they can be things you learn about in school, after school, at home, or with friends.
- Tell me about your talents at school or at home.

2. How have your talents and strengths helped you achieve?

- Achieve means to be successful and becoming the best you can be at something.
- Remember, strengths are things that you are good at doing; so, how have these things helped you to be successful?
- How have these things helped you to learn new things?

3. Describe your goals for the future.

- What do you think you would like to do when you grow up?
- What are some things that you would like to learn more about?
- What will you be an expert at doing when you are older?