

Should I Refer my Child for Gifted and Talented (GT) Testing?

Each school year, parents, guardians, teachers, and community members are invited to refer students for GT testing. These services address the unique social, emotional, and intellectual needs of gifted students. We encourage you to use the checklist below to help determine if your child might benefit. While the checklist can guide your decision, the choice to refer your child for testing is ultimately yours.

	Check if statement applies
My child has a vocabulary that is larger than other children their age.	
My child can do math quickly in their head &/or reads well beyond their grade-level.	
My child is a perfectionist.	
My child is known to question authority figures.	
My child gets upset when someone won't/can't answer all their questions.	
My child is easily distracted by noises.	
My child has a high energy drive.	
My child has difficulty going to sleep at night.	
My child fidgets often.	
My child is incapable of sitting for long periods of time.	
My child feels the need to touch everything they pass.	
My child is overly sensitive to fabrics or clothing tags.	
My child has an intense appreciation for what they deem beautiful (arts, nature, etc.)	
My child can be overwhelmed by smells that most people wouldn't notice.	
My child has strong opinions on foods.	
My child often zones out, even when their attention is needed.	
My child sometimes retreats into a fantasy world.	
My child has trouble distinguishing their fantasy world from the real world.	
My child has a quick sense of humor.	
My child is capable is giving very detailed descriptions when telling a story.	
My child is overly concerned with what is fair or just.	
My child tends to be overly self-critical.	
My child's feelings are easily hurt.	
My child seems to absorb the feelings of those nearby.	
My child has physical reactions to intense emotions (anxiety causes stomach aches, excitedness causes increased urination).	

If you checked **3 or more in any one section**, then a GT referral is highly recommended.

To refer your child for GT testing, please visit the Gainesville ISD Gifted and Talented Web Page.

If you have any questions, don't hesitate to reach out to Dr. Christina Dearman at cdearman@gainesvilleisd.org.

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