

**APPLICATION FOR VANGUARD MAGNET MIDDLE SCHOOL PROGRAMS
GRADES 6 - 8
2009 - 2010**

To apply to the Vanguard Magnet program, select three of the Vanguard Magnet programs from the eight middle schools listed below.

Submit the application to your first choice school only.

Please mark your choices with a 1, 2, and 3 indicating your 1st, 2nd, and 3rd choice.

<input type="checkbox"/> Burbank	<input type="checkbox"/> Holland	<input type="checkbox"/> Lanier	<input type="checkbox"/> T. H. Rogers
<input type="checkbox"/> Hamilton	<input type="checkbox"/> Jackson	<input type="checkbox"/> Long	<input type="checkbox"/> Ryan

For other non-Vanguard Magnet programs, use the regular Magnet application.

All of the required items listed below must accompany the application, which must be postmarked no later than **January 9, 2009, for consideration in the first round of screening.** Applications received after this deadline will be in the second round of screening if space is still available. Out-of-district applicants may be considered on a space available basis after June 1, 2009.

Please mark all items you have included. Parent is responsible for submitting copies of all required data at the time of application. Incomplete applications may cause a delay in the identification and admission process.

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Previous year's final report card, June 2008 | <input type="checkbox"/> Teacher Recommendation Form in a sealed envelope signed by the teacher. All current HISD 5 th grade students will have their form completed online by their classroom teacher, a printed copy may be obtained from the classroom teacher | <input type="checkbox"/> Proof of HISD residency (recent electricity, gas, or water bill, lease agreement, property tax receipt, or statement of residence) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Nationally-normed Achievement Test (within the last 12 months) | | <input type="checkbox"/> Completed application including parent's signature |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Naglieri Non-verbal Ability Test-2 (NNAT-2) (current year's score) | Any necessary testing will be scheduled by the first choice school. | |

HISD I.D. #: _____

Grade Level for 2009-2010: _____

1. Name of Student: _____
Last
First
M.I.

2. Date of birth: Month _____ Day _____ Year _____ Gender: Male Female

3. Present address of parent or legal guardian (Domicile):

_____ *Street Address* _____ *Apt. #* _____ *City* _____ *State* _____ *Zip Code*

4. Is either parent/guardian an HISD employee? Yes No If yes, do you live within HISD's attendance zone? Yes No

5. With whom does student live as a permanent resident? Both Parents Mother Father Other _____

6. Father's name: _____ Mother's name: _____

7. () _____ () _____
Area Code Home Phone Number Area Code Emergency Phone Number and Name and Relationship to Child

8. Mother's cell phone: () _____ Mother's business phone: () _____
Area Code Area Code

9. Father's cell phone: () _____ Father's business phone: () _____
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10. E-mail contact: _____

11. HISD middle school student zoned to attend: _____

12. School currently attending: _____ Current grade: _____

13. Is child currently in an HISD gifted program? Yes No If yes, which school? _____ If you are applying for 7th or 8th grade please attach a copy of the HISD Identification Matrix which may be obtained from the student's current HISD school.

14. Does applicant have a sibling that is currently enrolled and will be attending the Vanguard Magnet program in your 1st choice school in 2009-2010?
 Yes No If yes, sibling's name: _____ Sibling's school: _____ Sibling's grade for 2009-2010: _____

15. Is there a sibling applying to the Vanguard Magnet program in your 1st choice school?
 Yes No If yes, sibling's name: _____ Sibling's school: _____ Grade to which sibling is applying: _____
16. HISD provides bus transportation for Magnet students in accordance with the Transportation of Magnet Students Guidelines. If eligible, are you requesting transportation? Yes No
17. In what language does your child receive instruction at school? _____
18. If your child is receiving any special services from an HISD school, please inform your first choice school G/T coordinator. **Parents are required to provide documentation of special services with the Vanguard Magnet Application.** Check all that apply and submit district documentation:
 Special Education Section 504 Bilingual (LEP)/ ESL

<p>*Ethnicity (check only one):</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Hispanic <input type="checkbox"/> African American <input type="checkbox"/> White <input type="checkbox"/> Asian/Pacific Islander <input type="checkbox"/> American Indian/Alaskan</p> <p><small>*This information is requested in accordance with the Public Education Information Management System (PEIMS) and federal regulations.</small></p>	<p style="text-align: center;">2008 - 2009 REDUCED INCOME CHART <i>If your annual, monthly, or weekly salary is at or below levels listed and correspond to household size on same row, please check:</i></p> <table style="width: 100%; border-collapse: collapse;"> <thead> <tr> <th style="text-align: left;">Household Size</th> <th style="text-align: right;">Annual</th> <th style="text-align: right;">Monthly</th> <th style="text-align: right;">Weekly</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td><input type="checkbox"/> 2</td> <td style="text-align: right;">\$25,900</td> <td style="text-align: right;">\$2,159</td> <td style="text-align: right;">\$499</td> </tr> <tr> <td><input type="checkbox"/> 3</td> <td style="text-align: right;">\$32,560</td> <td style="text-align: right;">\$2,714</td> <td style="text-align: right;">\$627</td> </tr> <tr> <td><input type="checkbox"/> 4</td> <td style="text-align: right;">\$39,220</td> <td style="text-align: right;">\$3,269</td> <td style="text-align: right;">\$755</td> </tr> <tr> <td><input type="checkbox"/> 5</td> <td style="text-align: right;">\$45,880</td> <td style="text-align: right;">\$3,824</td> <td style="text-align: right;">\$883</td> </tr> <tr> <td><input type="checkbox"/> 6</td> <td style="text-align: right;">\$52,540</td> <td style="text-align: right;">\$4,379</td> <td style="text-align: right;">\$1,011</td> </tr> <tr> <td><input type="checkbox"/> 7</td> <td style="text-align: right;">\$59,200</td> <td style="text-align: right;">\$4,934</td> <td style="text-align: right;">\$1,139</td> </tr> <tr> <td><input type="checkbox"/> 8</td> <td style="text-align: right;">\$65,860</td> <td style="text-align: right;">\$5,489</td> <td style="text-align: right;">\$1,267</td> </tr> <tr> <td colspan="4">For each additional family member add:</td> </tr> <tr> <td></td> <td style="text-align: right;">+\$6,660</td> <td style="text-align: right;">+\$555</td> <td style="text-align: right;">+\$129</td> </tr> </tbody> </table>	Household Size	Annual	Monthly	Weekly	<input type="checkbox"/> 2	\$25,900	\$2,159	\$499	<input type="checkbox"/> 3	\$32,560	\$2,714	\$627	<input type="checkbox"/> 4	\$39,220	\$3,269	\$755	<input type="checkbox"/> 5	\$45,880	\$3,824	\$883	<input type="checkbox"/> 6	\$52,540	\$4,379	\$1,011	<input type="checkbox"/> 7	\$59,200	\$4,934	\$1,139	<input type="checkbox"/> 8	\$65,860	\$5,489	\$1,267	For each additional family member add:					+\$6,660	+\$555	+\$129
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The Vanguard Magnet Coordinator from your first choice school will contact you to schedule any required testing for your child.

Important Reminder: The application deadline is **January 9, 2009**. **This application is only for Vanguard Magnet entering Grades 6-8.** Please remember to number your first three choices of Vanguard Magnet programs listed on top of this application. If you are applying to other Magnet programs, use the regular Magnet application. Call 713-556-6947 for a regular Magnet application.

By signing below, you are verifying that: (1) you are submitting only **one** application for the Vanguard Magnet program, (2) you are responsible for bringing your child to the designated testing site at the proper place and time and, (3) you are responsible for submitting all the required data.

Parent's Signature: _____ Date: _____

**2009-2010 HISD Vanguard Programs
TEACHER RECOMMENDATION FORM**

Student Name: _____ **Current Grade Level:** _____

For students currently in Kindergarten and 5th grade, this form will be completed by the classroom teacher with collaboration from all teachers who instruct this student. For students in all other grades, this form should be completed by the current teacher, or teacher from the previous school year only. Submit only one teacher recommendation form with your application. **This form must be returned in a sealed envelope signed by the teacher across the seal.**

Evidence of Possible Giftedness: Please circle the word that best indicates the degree to which the student exhibits the following characteristics.

A. General Intellectual Ability

	Rarely	Less than half the time	About half the time	More than half the time	Consistently most of the time
1. Shows a preference for complex tasks and "why" of things	Rarely	Less than half the time	About half the time	More than half the time	Consistently most of the time
2. Has knowledge and vocabulary unusual for age or grade; has fluent verbal ability	Rarely	Less than half the time	About half the time	More than half the time	Consistently most of the time
3. Demonstrates abstract and critical thinking ability, an ability to think things out, to think things logically or analytically	Rarely	Less than half the time	About half the time	More than half the time	Consistently most of the time
4. Is a keen and alert observer; often "sees more" in a learning situation than others; may show evidence of long, detailed memory	Rarely	Less than half the time	About half the time	More than half the time	Consistently most of the time
5. Shows an interest in problem solving and is flexible and resourceful in problem solving	Rarely	Less than half the time	About half the time	More than half the time	Consistently most of the time
6. Has a quick grasp of concepts and underlying principles and can see relationships between ideas, events, people and things; may ask provocative questions	Rarely	Less than half the time	About half the time	More than half the time	Consistently most of the time

B. Creative Ability

1. Is curious and asks many questions	Rarely	Less than half the time	About half the time	More than half the time	Consistently most of the time
2. Produces work which is fresh, vital, and unique; creates new ideas, products, and processes; does the unexpected	Rarely	Less than half the time	About half the time	More than half the time	Consistently most of the time
3. Exhibits playfulness and a keen sense of humor; may make jokes, puns, etc. at times	Rarely	Less than half the time	About half the time	More than half the time	Consistently most of the time
4. Shows unusual capacity for concentration, imagination, and originality on tasks that interest him or her	Rarely	Less than half the time	About half the time	More than half the time	Consistently most of the time
5. Bored quickly with routine tasks, memorization of facts and details; prefers talking about ideas and problems	Rarely	Less than half the time	About half the time	More than half the time	Consistently most of the time
6. Exhibits emotional sensitivity, expressing intense feelings	Rarely	Less than half the time	About half the time	More than half the time	Consistently most of the time
7. Enjoys variety and novelty in learning experiences	Rarely	Less than half the time	About half the time	More than half the time	Consistently most of the time

C. Leadership Ability

1. Is self confident with peers and adults	Rarely	Less than half the time	About half the time	More than half the time	Consistently most of the time
2. Demonstrates a willingness for and skills in decision making	Rarely	Less than half the time	About half the time	More than half the time	Consistently most of the time
3. Is willing to take risks; tends to think independently	Rarely	Less than half the time	About half the time	More than half the time	Consistently most of the time
4. Exhibits organizational skills with tasks, peers, time, and/or materials	Rarely	Less than half the time	About half the time	More than half the time	Consistently most of the time
5. Carries responsibility well, works well in situations that require initiative and independence	Rarely	Less than half the time	About half the time	More than half the time	Consistently most of the time
6. Shows empathy and tolerance toward others; generally relates well with others	Rarely	Less than half the time	About half the time	More than half the time	Consistently most of the time
7. Can express self well; has good verbal skills and is usually well understood	Rarely	Less than half the time	About half the time	More than half the time	Consistently most of the time

Student's Name: _____ Current School: _____ Phone Number: _____

Current Grade Level: _____ Subject Area of Instruction: _____ Date: _____

Teacher's Name (please print): _____ Teacher's Signature: _____

Teachers: Please return completed form to parent/applicant in sealed envelope with signature across seal.