

2020-2021 HISD VANGUARD NEIGHBORHOOD PROGRAMS TEACHER RECOMMENDATION FORM

STUDENT NAME: _____

CURRENT GRADE LEVEL: _____

This form will be completed by the current classroom teacher in collaboration with all teachers who instruct this student. **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.** For students currently in Kindergarten and 5th grade, this form will be completed online.

Evidence of Possible Giftedness: Please circle the word that best indicates the degree to which the student exhibits the following characteristics in relation to students of similar age, experience, or environment.

GENERAL INTELLECTUAL ABILITY	Rarely (1)	Less than half the time (2)	About half the time (3)	More than half the time (4)	Consistently most of the time (5)
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
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
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
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
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
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
CREATIVE ABILITY					
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
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
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
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
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
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
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
LEADERSHIP ABILITY					
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
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
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
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
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
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
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

TEACHER'S NAME (PLEASE PRINT): _____

TEACHER'S SIGNATURE: _____ **DATE:** _____

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