



**HIGHLY CAPABLE SERVICES
Parent/Guardian Permission to Test**

Parent/guardian permission to test and/or review district's testing scores for eligibility in La Center School District Highly Capable programs:

Student Name _____
Birth Date _____ Grade _____ Circle One: Male Female
Parent/ Guardian Name _____
Home Address _____
City, State _____ Zip Code _____
Phone (Home) _____ (Work) _____
Fax _____ E-mail _____

- Check this box if your child will attend the **Saturday, March 20, 2010**, CogAT Test at La Center Elementary, 700 East 4th Street, from 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. Checking this box indicates your understanding that you will provide transportation to and from the test.

- Check this box if you **do not** want your child tested or do not want your child's testing data reviewed for highly capable program placement. (This option is for parents whose student was nominated for placement in the program by their teacher, but do not wish to pursue placement.)

Parent/Guardian Signature

Date

After completing the following checklist, please:

- Total the points
- Record them here
- Return this entire form to your school office

Total Score:

Please return this form along with the completed *Parent Checklist of Creative and Cognitive Characteristics* to your school office.

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PARENT CHECKLIST OF CREATIVE AND COGNITIVE CHARACTERISTICS**

The following characteristics are typical of gifted students. Few students demonstrate all the qualities on a consistent basis.

PLEASE:

- Carefully consider your child in light of this list.
- Feel free to draw a line through any characteristic that you have never observed in your child.
- Write comments/examples when you can.

Read the list of descriptions in each category and then circle the appropriate number.

OBSERVATION: Some possible behaviors may include:

- Able to perceive relationships between people, objects, and ideas
- Is alert, keenly observant, responds quickly
- Keen sense of justice and equity; quickly perceives injustice (e.g., prejudice)
- Tends to be aware of people and their activities

	<u>Almost Always</u>	<u>Usually</u>	<u>Frequently</u>	<u>Occasionally</u>	<u>Rarely</u>
Circle the appropriate number:	5	4	3	2	1

Comments/Examples _____

VERBAL PROFICIENCY Some possible behaviors may include:

- Highly proficient in native language
- Large vocabulary
- Expresses ideas clearly
- Verbal expressions and figures of speech
- Is able to play a number of different roles in role playing and storytelling
- Richness of imagery in daily language
- May talk non-stop or interrupt to share important ideas

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PROBLEM SOLVING Some possible behaviors may include:

- Ability to reason things out; recognizes and comprehends patterns and relationships
- Asks insightful questions
- Inquisitive
- Questions the how and why of things
- Wants to know the how and why of things
- Uses unusual means to solve problems
- Tends to view problems in entirety, not in isolated parts
- Can show relationships between apparently unrelated ideas
- Can see a variety of possible solutions and choose one that will be successful

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CONCENTRATION (Ability to remain focused on a project for a long period of time.) **Some possible behaviors may include:**

- Long attention span; and/or
- Easily bored with routine tasks, prefers more difficult tasks
- May express displeasure at having to stop an activity
- Has tendency to lose track of time when absorbed in an activity
- May choose a subject and try to learn everything about it over a long period of time

Almost Always Usually Frequently Occasionally Rarely

Circle the appropriate number: 5 4 3 2 1

Comments/Examples _____

DIVERSE INTERESTS (Interested in many different areas) **Some possible behaviors may include:**

- Knows a wide variety of information which most children of this age are unaware
- Has a "need to know," interested in a wide range of things
- May be intensely interested in non-school subjects
- May show excitement in voice about discoveries
- Eager to tell others about discoveries
- Often attempts to do more than one thing at a time
- May read widely and extensively

Almost Always Usually Frequently Occasionally Rarely

Circle the appropriate number: 5 4 3 2 1

Comments/Examples _____

ACADEMIC (Ability to acquire school knowledge.) **Some possible behaviors may include:**

- Learns rapidly, easily, and retains the material
- Does some academic work above grade level
- Enjoys the challenge of difficult problems and activities
- Independent worker, completes assignments with attention to quality

Almost Always Usually Frequently Occasionally Rarely

Circle the appropriate number: 5 4 3 2 1

Comments/Examples _____

LEADERSHIP (Ability to help others work together productively.) **Some possible behaviors may include:**

- Tends to be a leader, generally directs the activity in which they are involved
- Adjusts to change with a minimum of difficulty, seems able to take risks

Almost Always Usually Frequently Occasionally Rarely

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Comments/Examples _____

NON-VERBAL PROFICIENCY (Ability to express and learn concepts or ideas through illustrations, drama, body language, and gestures.)

Some possible behaviors may include:

- Uses pictorial or musical representations or references as means of communicating
- Uses expressive gestures, body language, and is able to interpret body language
- Tends not to be "word dependent," but is proficient in non-verbal communication
- May act out or use drama to communicate ideas

Almost Always Usually Frequently Occasionally Rarely

Circle the appropriate number: 5 4 3 2 1

Comments/Examples _____

CREATIVITY (Comes up with many and unusual ideas) **Some possible behaviors may include:**

- Is creative, uses imagination or unusual methods or ideas
- Enjoys fantasy, adding lots of details
- Venturesome, eager to do new things (don't mark down for shyness)
- Likes being an individual with his/her own ideas
- Can improvise with commonplace materials and objects in unusual ways
- Resourceful – can solve problems by ingenious methods
- Enjoys new ideas

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HUMOR (Ability to see funny relationships between words and ideas – don't mark down for shyness) **Some behaviors may include:**

- Has mature sense of humor (puns, associations, etc.)
- Playful with language
- May offer silly word meanings or puns at inappropriate times

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SENSITIVITY (Very aware of own and other's feelings and his/her environment) **Some possible behaviors may include:**

- Enjoys and responds to beauty
- Sensitive to feelings of others or to situations; and/or
- Emotionally sensitive – may overreact, get angry, or cry if things go wrong
- Impatient – quick to anger or anxious to complete a task
- Understands and sometimes exhibits high moral standards

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INDEPENDENCE **Some possible behaviors may include:**

- Individualistic – likes to work by self; and/or
- May resist authority, be non-conforming, stubborn/or be self-directed and motivated toward own goals
- May disagree vocally (and often) with others including teachers

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MOTIVATION **Some possible behaviors may include:**

- Sets high standards for self; can be a perfectionist; may become frustrated when work does not meet own standards
- Demonstrates persistence in tasks
- Great desire to excel
- Self-motivated
- Initiates and applies ideas to own projects
- May get excited about a subject and learn everything possible about it

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