



**2008-2009 HISD Vanguard Programs  
TEACHER RECOMMENDATION FORM**

**Student Name:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Current Grade Level:** \_\_\_\_\_

For students currently in Kindergarten and 5<sup>th</sup> 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: \_\_\_\_\_ School: \_\_\_\_\_

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.**