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HERITAGE MIDDLE SCHOOL GIFTED AND TALENTED PROGRAM

GRADE 7 & 8
Visual Arts Application Packet

2019-20



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Dear Parent/Guardian,

This letter is to inform you that the Livingston School District offers a Gifted and Talented Program for Art at the middle school level for grades six through eight. The Heritage Middle School Gifted and Talented Art program is designed to give students who qualify for admission the opportunity to further develop their creative ability and artistic skills.

Students who apply for this program must undergo a rigorous and highly selective screening process. Students who are selected to this program are expected to keep up with their regular school work in addition to completing assignments and projects that are a part of this program.

The GT Art Program at Heritage is a before school program. Classes meet from 7:30-8:10 am. Parents are responsible for transportation to this before school program. Parents of students accepted into the program will be provided with a class assignment in the acceptance packet.

Students who are identified as being gifted in the Visual Arts typically exhibit several or all of the following characteristics:

1. **The student exhibits superior ability in expressing ideas visually and can create artworks in drawing and a variety of mediums.**
2. **The student possesses a high curiosity level and active imagination.**
3. **The student seeks challenging experiences and is goal-oriented with high personal standards.**
4. **The student is capable of original thinking and develops unique, unconventional solutions to artistic problems.**
5. **The student responds with ease and enthusiasm to creating art projects.**
6. **The student works well independently, with concentration and focus, for long periods of time.**

If you have a child who exhibits several or all of these characteristics and would like him/her to be considered for the program, **please complete and return the application forms and home drawing to the Heritage Middle School main office no later than Friday, September 27, 2019.**

Sincerely,

Mara Rubin
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MIDDLE SCHOOL GT VISUAL ARTS APPLICATION FORM (PART 1)

Student Name: _____ School: _____

Address: _____ Current Grade: _____

Phone Number: _____ Age: _____ Classroom Teacher: _____

Email Address: _____

Parent Name: _____

Signature: _____

If your child is applying for the Middle School Gifted and Talented Program for the Visual Arts, he/she is required to:

- Create one original drawing to submit with his or her application. The original work must be from direct observation as per the application instructions on the last page of this application. Drawings created in school, created under the assistance of a private art teacher, or created in a private school art class will not be accepted. **Please write your child's name, grade and classroom teacher on the back of his/her drawing.**
- Take the *Torrance Test of Creativity*; this test is used to assess imagination, ingenuity, and inventiveness. This test will be given before school and will be proctored by an Art Teacher. It will be the parent's responsibility to provide transportation to school for the before school testing.
- Take a drawing test. This test will be given in conjunction with the *Torrance Test of Creativity*.

Reminder: Please return this application form and your child's drawing to the main office in Heritage Middle School no later than Friday, September 27, 2019.

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MIDDLE SCHOOL GT VISUAL ARTS APPLICATION FORM (Part 2)

Dear Parents,

The selection process for the Gifted and Talented Art Program will require your child to take a creativity test and a drawing test. Your permission is needed to administer these tests. Your child will be given the *Torrance Test of Creativity* and a Drawing test. Both tests will take a total of approximately 40 minutes to administer. **Your signature at the bottom of this letter indicates your permission for these tests to be given.**

The tests will be given at Heritage Middle School as per the following schedule:

Monday, October 7, 2019 **Heritage Middle School Art Room** **7:30-8:10 am**
- **Parents are responsible for dropping off their child for the test.**

Please understand the program is highly selective that the results of the selection process are final.

Sincerely,

Mara Rubin
Supervisor of Visual and Performing Arts

Reminder: Please complete and detach this form; return it to the Heritage main office by Friday, September 27, 2019.

Student Name: _____

School: _____

I give my permission for the *Torrance Test of Creativity* and the Drawing Test to be administered to my child.

Parent Signature: _____

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Middle School GT Art Home Drawing Assignment (Part 3)

Students are required to independently create an original drawing. The work must be from direct observation as per the instructions on the following page. Drawings completed in school, created under the assistance of a private art teacher or created in a private school art class, will not be accepted.

In order to guide you in determining if your child has the ability to be considered for admission to the GT Art Program and avoid the disappointment of not being selected, we have provided an exemplar of a drawing that shows the ability level of a typical Middle School GT Art student:



If you feel that your child has the ability to create a drawing of this quality, please continue and follow the instructions on the next page:

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Instructions for the Home Drawing Assignment

- Supplies: Standard Pencil (no color pencils or crayons)
Eraser
8 1/2" X 11" White Printer Paper
- The drawing must be a still life composition consisting of one small plant or small flowers in a container on a table.

Select **two additional** items from the list below to complete the composition:

- Coffee Pot
 - Ceramic Mug
 - Glass with liquid inside
 - 1 or 2 pieces of fruit
 - Serving spoon or fork
 - Toaster
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- The drawing can be vertical or horizontal. Either way is acceptable and should be sized to fit the page. Use the objects selected to create an interesting and creative arrangement on a table.
 - Complete the drawing in pencil using a variety of gray values only.
 - **The student's name, grade and classroom teacher must be printed on the back of the drawing.**