ELEMENTARY GIFTED AND TALENTED PROGRAM

Visual Arts Application Packet

2017-18
Dear Parent,

This letter is to inform you that the Livingston School District offers a gifted and talented program for art at the elementary school level for grades four and five. The Elementary Gifted and Talented Art program is designed to give students who qualify for admission the opportunity to further develop their creative abilities 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.

Please be advised that instruction in Music, Art, Physical Education, Media, and World Language is now implemented in a six-day rotation. The GT Art before-school program (7:30-8:05 a.m.) rotates in a similar manner. Parents of students accepted into the program will be provided with a schedule of the rotation, and will be responsible for transportation for their students to this before school program. Acceptance or non-acceptance letters will be mailed the week of June 26, 2017.

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 download the application packet (located on your school’s web page) and return the completed application forms and home drawing to your child’s school main office no later than Thursday May 25, 2017.

Sincerely,

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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 Elementary 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 your child's school no later than Thursday, May 25, 2017.

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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. Together, the 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 to your child.

The tests will be given in your child’s school as per the following schedule:

- Friday, June 2, 2017 (Day 6) at Collins at 7:30 a.m.
- Monday, June 5, 2017 (Day 1) at Hillside at 7:30 a.m.
- Wednesday, June 7, 2017 (Day 3) at Riker Hill at 7:30 a.m.
- Thursday, June 8, 2017 (Day 4) at Burnet Hill at 7:30 a.m.
- Thursday, June 8, 2017 (Day 4) at Harrison at 7:30 a.m.
- Thursday, June 8, 2017 (Day 4) at Mt. Pleasant at 7:30 a.m.

The results of the selection process will be communicated to you during the week of June 26, 2017. Please understand that the program is highly selective, and 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 main office in your child’s school by Thursday, May 25, 2017.

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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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 example of a drawing that shows the ability level of a typical Elementary GT Art student:

If you feel that your child has the ability 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 other of the following items to complete the composition:
  - Coffee Pot
  - Ceramic Mug
  - Glass with liquid inside
  - 1 or 2 pieces of fruit
  - Serving spoon or fork
  - Toaster

- 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 grays only.

- The student’s name, grade and classroom teacher must be printed on the back of the drawing.