



**CONEJO VALLEY UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT  
STUDENT SUPPORT SERVICES  
GIFTED AND TALENTED EDUCATION**

**PARENT REFERRAL**

Student's Name \_\_\_\_\_ Gender M \_\_ F \_\_ Date \_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_

School \_\_\_\_\_ Grade \_\_\_\_\_ Teacher \_\_\_\_\_ Room# \_\_\_\_\_

Parent's Name \_\_\_\_\_ Birthdate \_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_

Street \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_ Honors Classes (MS/HS) Yes \_\_\_ No \_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_ Student's Primary Language \_\_\_\_\_

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**1.0 LEARNING CHARACTERISTICS OF GIFTED AND TALENTED STUDENTS**

The following learning characteristics are found to a large extent among students identified gifted and talented as compared with those who are not. While most students will demonstrate many of these characteristics, students who are gifted and talented will differ in the degree to which these characteristics are observed.

Using the drop down options provided below, select the degree to which each of the following characteristics are observed.

<b>DESCRIPTION OF LEARNING/BEHAVIORAL CHARACTERISTICS</b>	<b>FREQUENCY</b>
1. Understands complicated concepts and relationships.	
2. Possesses an unusual amount of information for his/her age within the subject area(s).	
3. Uses unusual vocabulary in appropriate ways for his/her age.	
4. Is able to articulate ideas fluently.	
5. Remembers facts accurately without special effort.	
6. Combines ideas/materials in unique ways.	
7. Probes beyond "how" and "what" to the "why" in his/her questioning.	
8. Creates products of unusual character or quality.	
9. Exhibits keen powers of observation.	
10. Demonstrates power of abstraction, conceptualization, synthesis and problem solving.	
11. Interest in cause-effect relationships; ability to see relationships.	
12. Develops structures and organizations. Invents original systems.	
13. Indicates unusual retentiveness.	
14. Expresses a dislike for drill and routine.	
15. Evidences power of critical thinking: evaluative testing, including self-criticism, self-checking or critical attitudes.	
16. Indicates an ability for power of concentration; capable of an intense kind of effort.	
17. Demonstrates sensitivity, need for emotional support. Most gifted students tend to need substantial social support and peer acceptance.	
18. Demonstrates a keen sense of humor; seeking to see humor in situations.	

**RETURN THIS REFERRAL TO YOUR STUDENT'S TEACHER**

Student's Name \_\_\_\_\_ Grade \_\_\_\_\_ Teacher \_\_\_\_\_ Room # \_\_\_\_\_

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From the 18 characteristics listed, select three (3) and give an example in the space below of how your child has demonstrated this quality.

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**2.0 COMMENTS**

Why do you believe your child is gifted?



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## CONSENT & ASSESSMENT PLAN FOR GIFTED & TALENTED EDUCATION (GATE)

Student Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Birthdate: \_\_\_\_\_ Grade: \_\_\_\_\_

Teacher: \_\_\_\_\_ School: \_\_\_\_\_

- If student speaks another language at home, please indicate here: \_\_\_\_\_
- Please check space provided if student has a current designation of: Special Education: \_\_\_\_\_ or Section 504: \_\_\_\_\_

Dear Parent/Guardian:

Your student has an opportunity to be assessed as part of the screening process to identify students that qualify for the Gifted and Talented Educational Program (GATE) within the Conejo Valley Unified School District (CVUSD). If your student is GATE identified, they will receive GATE services and opportunities found on the [CVUSD GATE webpage](#). Each school has a designated GATE facilitator to oversee the success of the program within your particular school.

CVUSD is dedicated to identifying students with unique and outstanding learning abilities to help them succeed. As part of the identification process, students are administered the Otis Lennon School Ability Test (OLSAT) which indicates students' verbal, nonverbal, general reasoning, and problem-solving skills. This assessment does not require preparation. It assesses things the student already knows. Other considerations for GATE placement are academic performance, classroom functioning, teacher observations, and/or additional testing such as the Slosson Intelligence Test-R (SLOSSON), and Naglieri Nonverbal Ability Test (NNAT). The following professional(s) may be involved in the assessment: Student Support Services personnel, school psychologist and teachers.

Approximately 6 to 8 weeks after assessing your student, a notification letter of your child's eligibility will be sent home from your student's school site (or) mailed. Some students may be asked back for additional assessment before a decision can be made which will be indicated in your letter. Consent is mandatory for GATE services and must be in written form. Please complete and sign the required information below and **return to your student's teacher by November 1st**, to allow them to be assessed.

### CONSENT FOR GATE TESTING

- YES, I give my permission to conduct the assessment of my student as indicated above.
- NO, permission is denied.

### CONSENT FOR GATE PARTICIPATION

- YES, if my student is identified as GATE by the process above, I give my permission for him/her to participate in GATE programs.
- NO, permission is denied.

Parent/Legal Guardian: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature

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