

STUDENT INTEREST SURVEY

WHRMS GIFTED & TALENTED PROGRAM

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Name _____

Grade _____

Date _____

The purpose of this survey is to help you become more familiar with some of your interests and potential interests. The survey is not a test and there are no right and wrong answers. Your answers will be completely confidential.

Some of the time you spend on Gifted and Talented enrichment activities will be devoted to working on individual or small-group projects. We would like you to work on projects that are of interest to you, so it is necessary for you to do a little thinking to know what some of your interests might be.

A good way for you to get in touch with your interests is to think about some of the things you like to do now and also some of the things you might like to do if given the opportunity. Some of the questions that follow will be "Imagine if..." questions, but keep in mind that their only purpose is to have you think about the choices you would make in an imaginary situation.

As you read the questions, try not to think about the kinds of answers that your friends might write or how they might feel about your answers.

Do not try to answer the questions now. Read them over and think about them for a few days and then write your answers. Please do not discuss the survey with others at this time. Sometimes we can be influenced by the opinions of others and this influence may prevent you from exploring some of your own interests. Feel free to discuss your responses with parents, teachers or friends once you have completed all of your responses. Remember, the purpose of the survey is to get you to think about your own interests.

1. Imagine that your class has decided to create its own video production company. Each person has been asked to sign up for his or her first, second or third choice for one of the jobs listed below. Mark your first choice with a 1, second choice with a 2, and third choice with a 3.

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Actor/Actress | <input type="checkbox"/> Costume Designer |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Director | <input type="checkbox"/> Light/Sound Engineer |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Musician | <input type="checkbox"/> Camera Operator |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Business Manager | <input type="checkbox"/> Dancer |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Computer Effects Specialist | <input type="checkbox"/> Producer |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Prop Person | <input type="checkbox"/> Stunt Person |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Advertising Agent | <input type="checkbox"/> Sales Person |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Script Writer | |

2. Are you a collector? Do you collect stamps, coins, autographs, baseball cards, or other things? List the things that you collect and the number of years you have been collecting them.

| Things I collect | Number of Years I've been collecting |
|------------------|--------------------------------------|
| _____ | _____ |
| _____ | _____ |
| _____ | _____ |

Imagine you have the time and money to collect anything you wanted. What would you collect?

3. Imagine you have the opportunity to travel to a new and exciting city. You can select three places to visit. Mark your first, second and third choice by placing a 1, 2, and 3 in the spaces below.

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Art gallery | <input type="checkbox"/> Governmental Meetings |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Professional Sports Training Camp | <input type="checkbox"/> Computer Center |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Historical Sites | <input type="checkbox"/> Courthouse |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Museum | <input type="checkbox"/> Zoo |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Television Studio | <input type="checkbox"/> Stage Play |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Planetarium/Science Center | <input type="checkbox"/> Movie Theatre |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Police/Emergency Control Center | <input type="checkbox"/> Military Base |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Symphony Orchestra/Musical Concert | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Boxing/UFC Gym | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Ballet or Dance Theatre | |

4. Imagine that you can spend a week “job shadowing” any person to investigate a career you might like to have in the future. List the occupations of the person you would select.

First Choice _____
 Second Choice _____
 Third Choice _____

5. Imagine that you have been assigned to a space station for your next school year. You are permitted to take a few personal possessions (for example: books, games, hobbies, digital devices, projects, sketching pads) with you to help you spend your free time. List the things you would take.

6. Many People take part in activities that are not connected with school work or extra-curricular activities organized by the school. Listed below are examples of such activities. Indicate how often you have participated in each activity by marking the appropriate column. Please do NOT check any activities that were part of your school work or were organized by the schools that you have attended.

| | Never | Seldom | Sometimes | Often |
|---|-------|--------|-----------|-------|
| 1) Wrote a short story, play or poem | _____ | _____ | _____ | _____ |
| 2) Repaired a broken computer, toy, machine or furniture | _____ | _____ | _____ | _____ |
| 3) Conducted a science experiment | _____ | _____ | _____ | _____ |
| 4) Programed a computer or written code | _____ | _____ | _____ | _____ |
| 5) Written a newspaper/newsletter/blog article | _____ | _____ | _____ | _____ |
| 6) Took photos of landscapes, interesting people or interesting people | _____ | _____ | _____ | _____ |
| 7) Studied the weather by keeping daily records of Temperature, barometric pressure, rain fall, etc. | _____ | _____ | _____ | _____ |
| 8) Organized a team or club | _____ | _____ | _____ | _____ |
| 9) Organized a musical group | _____ | _____ | _____ | _____ |
| 10) Participated in a musical or theatrical production | _____ | _____ | _____ | _____ |
| 11) Started a business | _____ | _____ | _____ | _____ |
| 12) Designed a comic strip | _____ | _____ | _____ | _____ |
| 13) Painted or sketched interesting people, objects or landscapes | _____ | _____ | _____ | _____ |
| 14) Created artwork from a computer graphics program | _____ | _____ | _____ | _____ |
| 15) Wrote a letter to the newspaper or public official | _____ | _____ | _____ | _____ |
| 16) Learned to play a musical instrument | _____ | _____ | _____ | _____ |
| 17) Wrote a song, opera or other musical composition | _____ | _____ | _____ | _____ |
| 18) Designed a dance routine | _____ | _____ | _____ | _____ |
| 19) Designed and created an app | _____ | _____ | _____ | _____ |
| 20) Learned a craft such as crocheting, word carving, or making jewelry | _____ | _____ | _____ | _____ |
| 21) Entered a contest | _____ | _____ | _____ | _____ |
| 22) Participated in a charity event | _____ | _____ | _____ | _____ |

| | Never | Seldom | Sometimes | Often |
|---|-------|--------|-----------|-------|
| 23) Learned another language | _____ | _____ | _____ | _____ |
| 24) Kept a journal or diary for over a year | _____ | _____ | _____ | _____ |
| 25) Planted and cultivated a garden | _____ | _____ | _____ | _____ |
| 26) Ridden an animal | _____ | _____ | _____ | _____ |
| 27) Read a news, science or literary website | _____ | _____ | _____ | _____ |
| 28) Raised animal to sell or enter in a show | _____ | _____ | _____ | _____ |
| 29) Made a movie | _____ | _____ | _____ | _____ |
| 30) Spoke in front of a large group of people | _____ | _____ | _____ | _____ |

7. Imagine you have been asked to plan a concert for your school. You have an unlimited budget! List three (3) choices of musical performances that you would schedule for that evening's program. Explain your choices.

8. Imagine you have written your first book which is ready to submit for publication. What is the title? What is the book about?

Title _____

What's it about? _____

9. Imagine you are a photographer and you're spending the day at a mall. What are some of the things you are photographing? Why?

10. If you could conduct an interview with any man or woman you admire, past or present, who would it be? What three questions would you ask?

1. _____

2. _____

3. _____