Smackover School District Gifted and Talented Education Parent/Guardian Nomination Form Grade Date Student Name Person Nominating Student \_\_\_\_\_ Relationship to Student\_\_\_\_ Parents/Guardians should complete this form if they believe their child is performing well above grade level or demonstrating exceptional strengths or talents and would like their child's performance and achievement to be reviewed to determine eligibility for gifted education services. Listed below are some differences to help you distinguish between a bright child and a gifted learner (Janice Szabos, Challenge). **Gifted Learner Bright Child** 1. Asks the questions 1. Knows the answers 2. Is highly curious 2. Is interested 3. Is mentally and physically involved 3. Is attentive 4. Has wild silly ideas 4. Has good ideas 5. Plays around, yet tests well 5. Works hard 6. Discusses in detail 6. Answers the questions 7. Elaborates beyond the group 7. Top group 8. Shows strong feelings and opinions 8. Listens with interest 9. Already knows 9. Learns with ease 10. 1-2 repetitions for mastery 10. 6-8 repetitions for mastery 11. Constructs abstractions 11. Understands ideas 12. Prefers adults 12. Enjoys peers 13. Draws inferences 13. Grasps the meaning 14. Initiates projects 14. Completes assignments 15. is intense 15. Is receptive 16. Creates new designs 16. Copies accurately 17. Enjoys learning 17. Enjoys school 18. Manipulates information 18. Absorbs information 19. Inventor 19. Technician 20. Good guesser 20. Good memorizer 21. Thrives on complexity 21. Prefers straightforward tasks 22. Is keenly observant 22. Is alert 23. Is highly self-critical 23. Is pleased with own learning Please check below stating that you have read and understood the characteristics of a child who may benefit from gifted and talented services. I have read the information contrasting the characteristics of bright leaners and gifted learners. Parent/Guardian Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_ Please return completed form by to either school office or directly to:

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