



EXCEL
Parent Recommendation Form
Grade 4
(2017-2018)

1. Read the information carefully.
2. Complete the Permission to Test by filling out **all** the information.
3. Mail the completed form to: **Deadline to submit recommendation is May 31, 2017**
EXCEL OR email the completed form to:
MSD of Warren Township **lsponsel@warren.k12.in.us**
975 North Post Road
Indianapolis, IN 46219

IMPORTANT NOTES:

1. Placement of students who meet the selection criteria for *2017-18* in grades 3 – 6 will occur **as openings become available**. If your child is selected, you will be notified immediately.
2. Students accepting placement in the EXCEL program are expected to remain in that program **for at least one school year**.

Criteria and Selection Process For Grades 2 – 6

Mission Statement: *The EXCEL Program is designed to meet the unique academic and affective needs of highly talented students through a cooperative, enriched, and accelerated academic program where each person feels significant and appreciated.*

Students are placed in a Talent Pool based on specific criteria. Students in the Talent Pool are further screened and their scores are combined into a T-score to rank order the Talent Pool candidates. The Screening Committee will then identify students who have met the criteria, as openings are available, to invite into the EXCEL Program.

Students are identified and placed in a Talent Pool based on specific criteria.

Grade 2

Excel Identification

- NWEA (Northwest Evaluation Association) score 85% or higher in Reading or Math
- CogAT Ability Test
- Behavioral Checklist – *Characteristics of Very Bright Exceptional Youngsters Grades 1-2*
- Teacher Recommendation
- Parent Recommendation

Grades 3 - 6

Excel Identification

- NWEA (Northwest Evaluation Association) score 85% or higher in Language Arts, Reading or Math
- Teacher Recommendation
- Parent Recommendation

Note: A screening committee selects students from the ranked Talent Pool for entrance into the EXCEL Program based on rank order and space availability.



**Metropolitan School District of Warren Township
Indianapolis, Indiana**

**2017-18
GRADE 4
EXCEL CLASSES**

PLEASE PRINT:

Student's Full Name: _____

Date of Birth: _____

Gender: Male _____ Female _____

Current Grade Level _____

School Currently Attending: _____

Teacher's Name: _____

If not currently attending a Warren Township School please give the following information:

Address of school currently attending: _____

_____ City State Zip

_____ School Phone Number

_____ Teacher's Name

_____ Parent/Guardian Signature

_____ Date

_____ Phone Number

_____ email

EXCEL AGREEMENT

Brookview, Lakeside and Lowell Elementary Schools and each Intermediate Academy offer full-time classes for high-ability students. Students are selected for the EXCEL classes based upon state and district criteria which may include achievement test scores, student ability, parent recommendation, and teacher recommendation.

Expectations of the EXCEL Program

- Students are challenged to grow in the academic and affective areas.
- Open communication provides parents with an understanding of their child's progress in the program. Parents are encouraged to be participants in the learning process.
- Curriculum is appropriately **accelerated** and **personalized** to meet the learning needs of the academically talented student.
- A safe and nurturing environment is provided for every student.

Expectations of the Students and Parents

- The curriculum in EXCEL is differentiated and faster-paced. Basic skills are mastered and deeper learning is emphasized. Students may work above grade level.
- EXCEL students are expected to complete challenging short and long-term projects both at home and at school.
- Homework is an expectation of EXCEL students.
- Parental support in and out of school is necessary for the successful educational development of the EXCEL student.
- Peer interactions and activities are age appropriate.
- A one-year commitment is expected.

III. In what ways do you feel the EXCEL program will appropriately meet your child's educational needs?

IV. We have read and understood the special focus of the EXCEL program, and we agree to the expectations as outlined above.

Parent/Guardian signature

Date

Student signature

Date

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SUBMIT RECOMMENDATION BY: MAY 31, 2017