EXCEL
Parent Recommendation Form
Grades 5 - 6
(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
   MSD of Warren Township
   975 North Post Road
   Indianapolis, IN 46219

   OR

   email the completed form to:
   lsponsel@warren.k12.in.us

IMPORTANT NOTES:

1. Placement of students who meet the selection criteria for 2017-2018 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 AbilityTest
- 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.
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

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Parent/Guardian Signature        Date

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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?

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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