

Appendix G: TN Teacher Observation Checklist (TnTOC)

Student _____ School _____ Grade _____ Date _____

The TN Teacher Observation Checklist (TnTOC) is an important component of this student's individual screening and/or assessment. Please make careful consideration of each behavior characteristic while completing this checklist. Record on the lines provided below examples of behavioral traits of intellectual giftedness (whether considered socially "positive" or "negative") that you have observed in this student when compared to others of similar age, experience, and environment.

Please check those items which are frequently characteristic of this child. Note that it is unlikely that any child will have all of these attributes.

1.	<input type="checkbox"/> Generates abstract ideas or asks complex questions	22.	<input type="checkbox"/> Is impatient—hurries to complete a task
2.	<input type="checkbox"/> Challenges rules, assignments, requests, and may ask provocative questions	23.	<input type="checkbox"/> Exhibits long-term retention of school or non-school-related information
3.	<input type="checkbox"/> Is curious—wants to know “why, how, etc.”; asks thoughtful, searching questions	24.	<input type="checkbox"/> Is motivated to high achievement in a low-performing school environment
4.	<input type="checkbox"/> Understands puns, political cartoons, etc., beyond their peers	25.	<input type="checkbox"/> Understands relationships among seemingly unrelated objects, ideas, or facts
5.	<input type="checkbox"/> Shows desire for knowledge	26.	<input type="checkbox"/> Attributes success and failure to fate, luck, or chance
6.	<input type="checkbox"/> Often fails to complete schoolwork	27.	<input type="checkbox"/> Likes structure, order, and consistency
7.	<input type="checkbox"/> Enjoys school	28.	<input type="checkbox"/> Facility with words/oral language exceeds quality of written work
8.	<input type="checkbox"/> Works and plays well with others	29.	<input type="checkbox"/> Demonstrates a depth of perception and understanding beyond peers in a low-performing school environment
9.	<input type="checkbox"/> Utilizes advanced language skills and a large vocabulary in oral and/or written formats	30.	<input type="checkbox"/> May lose track of time
10.	<input type="checkbox"/> Is most successful in the classroom setting rather than in after-school activities	31.	<input type="checkbox"/> Shows little patience with rote learning (handwriting, spelling, and math skill repetition)
11.	<input type="checkbox"/> Exhibits a wide range of interests	32.	<input type="checkbox"/> Has an advanced ability to reason and draw conclusions from given information
12.	<input type="checkbox"/> Is eager to please the teacher	33.	<input type="checkbox"/> Demonstrates superior insight; infers and connects concepts
13.	<input type="checkbox"/> Demonstrates intense or focused concentration	34.	<input type="checkbox"/> Forgets/loses work
14.	<input type="checkbox"/> Is generally mature	35.	<input type="checkbox"/> Demonstrates an advanced sense of justice and fairness
15.	<input type="checkbox"/> Has a long attention span in areas of interest	36.	<input type="checkbox"/> Enjoys role playing, creative dramatics
16.	<input type="checkbox"/> Generates a large number of ideas	37.	<input type="checkbox"/> Enjoys competitive games
17.	<input type="checkbox"/> Learns quickly and is able to apply new information in a variety of ways at a faster and more advanced pace than peers	38.	<input type="checkbox"/> Demonstrates leadership qualities; is able to influence others toward desirable and/or undesirable goals
18.	<input type="checkbox"/> Does not perform to his/her ability on tests (e.g., test phobia)	39.	<input type="checkbox"/> Demonstrates superior ability to hold information in memory and recall it when necessary
19.	<input type="checkbox"/> Displays in-depth information in one or more areas	40.	<input type="checkbox"/> Fine and gross motor coordination skills are advanced for age

20.	<input type="checkbox"/> Has difficulty functioning constructively in groups	41.	<input type="checkbox"/> Learns better by "doing" than from a "lecture approach"
21.	<input type="checkbox"/> Communicates complex ideas and concepts to others, verbally or non-verbally	42.	<input type="checkbox"/> Is a keen observer; interprets observations
43.	<input type="checkbox"/> Is not motivated by usual techniques (teacher's enthusiasm, group interest, praise, and/or rewards)	62.	<input type="checkbox"/> Has much energy, which can get him/her into trouble at times
44.	<input type="checkbox"/> Has original, unique ideas	63.	<input type="checkbox"/> Is disruptive
45.	<input type="checkbox"/> Is resourceful and uses limited resources to make meaningful products	64.	<input type="checkbox"/> Finds and evaluates relevant information and applies that information in a setting where most students do not
46.	<input type="checkbox"/> Interacts well with adults and peers	65.	<input type="checkbox"/> Makes good grades in reading
47.	<input type="checkbox"/> Enjoys math and science more than social studies and reading	66.	<input type="checkbox"/> Demonstrates a healthy self-concept
48.	<input type="checkbox"/> Is quick to see discrepancies/inconsistencies	67.	<input type="checkbox"/> Likes to work independently
49.	<input type="checkbox"/> Creates complex, abstract humor	68.	<input type="checkbox"/> Often solves problems by ingenious methods; likes new approaches to problem solving
50.	<input type="checkbox"/> Uses a large vocabulary in a non-standard English environment	69.	<input type="checkbox"/> Usually makes As on school work
51.	<input type="checkbox"/> Approaches problems and ideas from multiple perspectives	70.	<input type="checkbox"/> Is generally immature
52.	<input type="checkbox"/> Getting good grades is important to student	71.	<input type="checkbox"/> Has an advanced ability to reason, form concepts, and solve problems using unfamiliar information or novel procedures
53.	<input type="checkbox"/> Excels in cooperative learning groups	72.	<input type="checkbox"/> Has excellent handwriting skills
54.	<input type="checkbox"/> Asks many questions, often challenging the teacher and the textbook	73.	<input type="checkbox"/> Seeks approval for success in and out of school
55.	<input type="checkbox"/> Always turns in work on time	74.	<input type="checkbox"/> Outstanding in mathematics
56.	<input type="checkbox"/> Exhibits complexity, inventiveness, and elaboration in ideas and/or products	75.	<input type="checkbox"/> Outstanding in science
57.	<input type="checkbox"/> Exhibits richness in language in a non-standard English environment	76.	<input type="checkbox"/> Outstanding in language arts
58.	<input type="checkbox"/> Is an independent learner; may require little direction	77.	<input type="checkbox"/> Outstanding in social studies/history
59.	<input type="checkbox"/> Has many friends	78.	<input type="checkbox"/> Outstanding in music/creative arts
60.	<input type="checkbox"/> Self-starter; exceeds classroom requirements	79.	<input type="checkbox"/> An able student, but also a challenge
61.	<input type="checkbox"/> Does not like to stick to a task	80.	<input type="checkbox"/> Has difficulty with reading, but otherwise demonstrates good learning ability

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