

Identification of the Gifted and Talented
Simulation
Adapted from materials by John R. Rader, 1975

(Original materials from John R. Rader have been adapted and updated for this activity.)

SIMULATION

The Virginia Department of Educational has designated the Northern Virginia area for a new magnet school program in conjunction with the University of Virginia. The magnet program will accept students from ages 5-20 for academic acceleration from Kindergarten through master's programs. Students will receive a wide range of educational experiences while working with many of the top educators and professionals in the DC Metro area. Given available state and private funding, students will not be charged to participate in this program.

You are members of a committee charged with reviewing a group of applications submitted by ten families. You are only allowed to accept three of the applicants. In the initial group of students accepted to this prestigious program, the State Board is looking for a diverse group of students with exceptional abilities and skills in a variety of areas.

In interpreting the application, you will see four scores in the Committee Use Only section. The scores are as follows:

IQ	Intelligent Quotient
SQ	Social Quotient
AQ	Academic Quotient
CQ	Creativity Quotient

These scores are similar to IQ scores in that 100 would be considered the average score.

Review the applications carefully and make your initial choices. Discuss your choices with your group members and reach a consensus of which three applicants (you may accept less if you choose to) your group would recommend for acceptance into the magnet program.

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SUMMARY OF APPLICATION INFORMATION

Name: Mike Grost Age: 10 Current Grade: 6

Parent Information:

Father:

Name: Bill Grost
Address: Alexandria, VA
Age: 30
Ethnicity: Caucasian
Place of Birth: East Lansing, MI
Nationality: American
Occupation: Accountant
Educational Level: M.S.

Mother:

Name: Audrey Grost
Address: Alexandria, VA
Age: 28
Ethnicity: Caucasian
Place of Birth: Detroit, MI
Nationality: American
Occupation: Housewife
Educational Level: B.A.

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IQ: 180+ SQ: 140 AQ: 170+ CQ: 165

School Adjustment (per counselor form): aloof from age peers, organizer!

General physical health: excellent Special interests: chess, math

General emotional health: excellent Special skills: eidetic memory

Vocational goals: make a commitment to education

Personal goals: personal fulfillment and make contribution to society

Vocational contributions: published an original mathematics theorem (accepted by the American Association of Mathematicians)

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SUMMARY OF APPLICATION INFORMATION

Name: Sam Edder Age: 9 Current Grade: 4th

Parent Information:

Father:

Name: Herman Edder
Address: Arlington, VA
Age: 31
Ethnicity: Caucasian
Place of Birth: Germany
Nationality: American
Occupation: Self-employer
Educational Level: High School

Mother:

Name: Ann Edder
Address: Arlington, VA
Age: 30
Ethnicity: Caucasian
Place of Birth: Germany
Nationality: American
Occupation: Housewife
Educational Level: High School

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IQ: 82 SQ: 74 AQ: 82 CQ: 110+

School Adjustment (per counselor form): very poor, considered unsociable and disturbed

General physical health: often sickly

Special interests: frequently withdraws into
fantasy world

General emotional health: certified
emotional breakdown, removed
from school temporarily

Special skills: plays violin, likes to be alone
to read

Vocational goals: none reported

Personal goals: independence from family

Vocational contributions: none

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SUMMARY OF APPLICATION INFORMATION

Name: William Horn Age: 10 Current Grade: 5

Parent Information:

Father:

Name: James Horn
Address: Fairfax, VA
Age: 29
Ethnicity: Caucasian
Place of Birth: Philadelphia
Nationality: American
Occupation: Banker
Educational Level: B.A.

Mother:

Name: Jane Horn
Address: Fairfax, VA
Age: 29
Ethnicity: Caucasian
Place of Birth: Scranton
Nationality: American
Occupation: Housewife
Educational Level: B.A.

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IQ: 159 SQ: 155 AQ: 166 CQ: 128

School Adjustment (per counselor form): good, organizer and leader

General physical health: excellent

Special interests: basketball, math

General emotional health: excellent,
well adjusted

Special skills: leadership, self-motivated

Vocational goals: wants to teach math

Personal goals: wants to make a personal contribution to society

Vocational contributions: none

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SUMMARY OF APPLICATION INFORMATION

Name: William Adair Gunther Age: 11 Current Grade: 4th
(has repeated 4th twice
already)

Parent Information:

Father:

Mother:

Name: Clem Van Gunther

Address: Centerville, VA

Age: 51

Ethnicity: Cherokee Indian

Place of Birth: Oklahoma

Nationality: American

Occupation: Rancher, Reservation Senator

Educational Level: High School

Name: Mary America Schrimsher

Address: N/A

Age: deceased

Ethnicity: Cherokee Indian

Place of Birth: Oklahoma

Nationality: American

Occupation: Housewife

Educational Level: Grade School

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IQ: 110

SQ: 85

AQ: 82

CQ: 115

School Adjustment (per counselor form): dislikes school, has caused extensive damage to school, yard, and building through carelessness

General physical health: good

Special interests: horse-riding, roping

General emotional health: shy,
prankster

Special skills: good sense of humor, excels
at history

Vocational goals: wants to perform in a wild west of circus show (parents want him to be a minister.)

Personal goals: wants to see the world and perform for people

Vocational contributions: has participated in local rodeos prior to moving to Virginia

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SUMMARY OF APPLICATION INFORMATION

Name: Albert Wright Age: 17 Current Grade: high school dropout

Parent Information:

Father:

Name: Joseph Wright
Address: Alexandria, VA
Age: 40
Ethnicity: Caucasian
Place of Birth: Virginia
Nationality: American
Occupation: Carpenter-Farmer
Educational Level: grade school

Mother:

Name: Marian Wright (deceased)
Address: N/A
Age: N/A
Ethnicity: Caucasian
Place of Birth: Virginia
Nationality: American
Occupation: Housewife
Educational Level: grade school

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IQ: 112

SQ: 129

AQ: 114

CQ: 102

School Adjustment (per counselor form): good, well-liked, respected, attendance irregular

General physical health: good

Special interests: physical sports, esp. wrestling, practical jokes, reading, traveling

General emotional health: pleasant, even-tempered, easy going, poor self-concept

Special skills: likes to argue, fairly well read, good debater

Vocational goals: interested in reading

Personal goals: wants to own his own business, have a "good" family

Vocational contributions: clerked in a store, longshoreman; however, considered lazy by his employers

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SUMMARY OF APPLICATION INFORMATION

Name: Bill Ridell Age: 11 Current Grade: not currently enrolled

Parent Information:

Father:

Mother:

Name: Sam Ridell
Address: Falls Church, VA
Age: 54
Ethnicity: Caucasian
Place of Birth: Nova Scotia
Nationality: Canadian
Occupation: unemployed
Educational Level: no formal schooling

Name: Nancy Ridell
Address: Falls Church, VA
Age: 49
Ethnicity: Caucasian
Place of Birth: Ontario
Nationality: Canadian
Occupation: teacher
Educational Level: B.A.

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IQ: 81 SQ: 79 AQ: 87 CQ: 102-110

School Adjustment (per counselor form): Withdrawn from school after 3 months;
considered "backward" by school officials

General physical health: enrolled in
school 2 years late due to health
problems, going deaf

Special interests: mechanics, likes to build
things, flying

General emotional health: stubborn,
aloof, shows very little emotion

Special skills: manual dexterity,
reads well, but uses very poor
grammar

Vocational goals: wants to be a scientist or a railroad mechanic

Personal goals: works hard, wants to earn money

Vocational contributions: sold magazines about politics

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SUMMARY OF APPLICATION INFORMATION

Name: Elaine Hawkins Age: 12 Current Grade: 6th

Parent Information:

Father:

Name: Bill Hawkins
Address: Los Angeles, CA
Age: 55
Ethnicity: Caucasian
Place of Birth: San Francisco, CA
Nationality: American
Occupation: Entrepreneur
Educational Level: not known

Mother:

Name: Valerie Hawkins
Address: Oakton, VA
Age: 51
Ethnicity: Caucasian
Place of Birth: San Francisco, CA
Nationality: American
Occupation: Music Teacher
Educational Level: BA Music

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IQ: 108 SQ: 84 AQ: 94 CQ: 115

School Adjustment (per counselor form): dropped out at age 10, claimed to be 16 yrs. old

General physical health: very good

Special interests: likes to read, visit art and history museums

General emotional health: talks back, stubborn, rebellious, behavior problems

Special skills: dancing

Vocational goals: wants to teach dancing

Personal goals: wants a career in dance

Vocational contributions: likes to play at being a dance teacher with neighborhood children

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SUMMARY OF APPLICATION INFORMATION

Name: Ruth Jackson Age: 16 Current Grade: 10th

Parent Information:

Father:

Mother:

Name: Benjamin Jackson
Address: Arlington, VA
Age: 47
Ethnicity: African American
Place of Birth: Houston, TX
Nationality: American
Occupation: Baptist Minister, Warehouse
Clerk
Educational Level: High School graduate

Name: Arlyne Jackson
Address: Arlington, VA
Age: 46
Ethnicity: African American
Place of Birth: Houston, TX
Nationality: American
Occupation: Housewife
Educational Level: High School
graduate

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IQ: 138 SQ: 126 AQ: 149 CQ: 108

School Adjustment (per counselor form): top 5% of her class academically

General physical health: good Special interests: listening to rock music
playing guitar, student government

General emotional health: good,
self-confident Special skills: debate team

Vocational goals: wants to be a lawyer

Personal goals: ambitious, hard-working, wants to attend magnet program

Vocational contributions: has participated in local "get-out-the-vote" campaign

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SUMMARY OF APPLICATION INFORMATION

Name: Lloyd Krebs Age: 11 Current Grade: 5th

Parent Information:

Father:

Name: Samuel Krebs
Address: Middleburg, VA
Age: 34
Ethnicity: Caucasian
Place of Birth: Spencer, IN
Nationality: American
Occupation: Farmer
Educational Level: High School

Mother:

Name: Sally Ann Krebs
Address: Middleburg, VA
Age: 32
Ethnicity: Caucasian
Place of Birth: Linton, IN
Nationality: American
Occupation: Housewife
Educational Level: Junior High School

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IQ: 108 SQ: 98 AQ: 112 CQ: 104

School Adjustment (per counselor form): good, average performer

General physical health: good

Special interests: sports, violin, spending time with father

General emotional health: good

Special skills: Active in 4-H

Vocational goals: farming

Personal goals: get married, purchase some farm land

Vocational contributions: farming with father

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CONTROL SHEET

Below are the names of each of the ten applicants for the Northern Virginia Magnet School that you have been asked to review as a committee. You are allowed to choose up to three of the candidates for the program. In the first column, you should mark your individual decision for admission of each applicant. You are not committed to your individual decision; it is simply to facilitate the group decision. The second column is provided for you to keep a record of the decision your group reaches on each applicant.

Name	Individual Decision Yes or No	Group Decision Yes or No
Mike Grost		
Mary Hall		
Sam Edder		
William Horn		
William Gunther		
Albert Wright		
Bill Ridell		
Elaine Hawkins		
Ruth Jackson		
Lloyd Krebbs		