

West Orange School District Teacher Rating Scale for Honors Social Studies

Student's Name: _____ Date: _____

Current Grade: _____ Teacher's Name Completing TRS: _____

Instructions: In relation to the typical student in your classroom, please place an "X" in the column to the right to indicate that this student demonstrates this trait more than a typical student.

GENERAL	X
Demonstrates ability to concentrate and focus on a task to completion; submits work in a timely manner	
Accepts difficult challenges with a positive attitude	
Shows ease and maturity in verbal expression characterized by "richness" of expression, elaboration and fluency.	
Demonstrates quick and relevant mastery and retains content with ease; Can easily adapt to more rigorous pacing.	
Respects ideas and knowledge of peers	
Displays creativity	
Displays self-motivated and self-starter qualities; Works independently with minimal direction	
Synthesizes ideas and materials in order to create appropriate products.	
Demonstrates a keen and alert mentality by usually "seeing more" or "getting more" out of the content.	
Accepts constructive criticism, responds, and revises work.	

SOCIAL STUDIES	X
Understands and applies complex historical or civic concepts.	
Analyzes specific information critically to reach logical conclusions.	
Identifies main idea, detail, sequence of events, and cause and effect in a social studies context.	
Constructs explanations or arguments that logically support a social studies concept.	
Can write a cohesive essay that follows standard essay format citing evidence from multiple sources.	
Demonstrates ability to interpret, draw conclusions, and make inferences based on maps, graphs, tables, etc.	
Demonstrates insightfulness about a broad range of world issues.	
Asks analytical questions as distinct from informational or factual questions.	
Possesses a foundation or interest in a variety of topics beyond the usual interests of youngsters this age.	
Determines what information or resources are necessary for accomplishing a task.	
Total	

Anecdotal Remarks

Remarks are required and will be reviewed by the principal and supervisor to develop a clearer understanding of this student's academic abilities. This is an important aspect of the honors selection process.