

Highly Capable Programs

The following procedures shall be employed to nominate, assess and select students to participate in the program:

A. Nomination

All second grade students will be assessed for the Highly Capable program. Parents may choose to exclude their student from testing for the Highly Capable program by completing an Opt-Out form.

B. Assessment

Multiple assessment criteria will be used to determine qualification for the program(s). This shall include:

- (1) Cognitive ability
- (2) Academic achievement (math and reading) on a standardized ability measure
- (3) Exceptional creativity

C. Selection

A multi-disciplinary selection team composed of a district administrator, psychologist or other individual who can interpret cognitive and achievement test results, and a teacher will review data that has been collected for each of the nominated students. They will select those students who would receive the most benefit from participating in the program and notify both the parents and the regular classroom teacher of the child's admission to the program.

D. Appeal Process

Following the selection team's initial placement determination meeting in the spring, parents may present evidence of a valid assessment measure which has been administered by an outside professional assessor to be considered as part of the appeals process in August.

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