

HIGHLY CAPABLE REFERRAL & PERMISSION TO TEST - FALL 2019

(THIS SIGNED REFERRAL FORM IS REQUIRED PRIOR TO TESTING.)

Students must be at least 5 years old by 8/31/2019 in order to test. If a student is 5 years by WA State deadline 12/31/2019, the student must be accepted by Edmonds District Early Entrance for kindergarten. First graders – must be at least 6 years old by 8/31/2019 in order to test. (Same rules for early entrance 1st graders – must be 6 by 12/31/2019.)

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| Student Last Name (Please print) | | First Name | Middle | Date of Birth (MM/DD/YYYY) |
| Home Address | | | Zip | September 2019 Grade |
| School Currently Attending (School's Address if not an Edmonds District School) *See Below | | | | Race / Ethnicity: (Check all that apply) <input type="checkbox"/> American Indian or Alaskan Native <input type="checkbox"/> Asian <input type="checkbox"/> Black/African American <input type="checkbox"/> Hispanic or Latino <input type="checkbox"/> Native Hawaiian or Pacific Islander <input type="checkbox"/> White |
| Which Edmonds School District schools are your neighborhood schools? (Please list all) | | | | |
| Elementary | Middle | High | | |
| Student's First Language? | Does your child need the test directions read in one of the following languages? Please circle: Arabic Cantonese Mandarin Russian Somali Spanish Vietnamese | | | |
| If your child requires special testing accommodations as specified in an IEP or a 504 Plan , check here: <input type="checkbox"/> Attach the accommodation page of the IEP or 504 Plan to this document. | | | | |
| Has your child ever been evaluated for the Highly Capable Program in Edmonds School District? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No If "Yes," What year(s)? | | | | |
| Was your student referred by a teacher or staff member? Please circle: Yes No | | | | |
| Parent/Guardian Last Name (Please print) | First Name | Email | Phone | |
| Parent/Guardian Last Name (Please print) | First Name | Email | Phone | |

*If your child is **not** currently enrolled in an Edmonds School District School, you **must** attach proof of residency, (i.e., PUD, gas, or garbage bill; homeowner's statement or insurance policy; lease or renter's statement or receipt of payment; renter's or homeowner's insurance policy) to this document.

Prior to submitting this referral:

1. **Complete** this entire document, including parent signature and the attached **Parent Reflection Form** for your child.
2. **Remove** the **Teacher Inventory Form** from the back of this packet, complete the Student Identification Section at the top of the page, and then **give it to your child's teacher**. Your child's teacher will return it directly to the Highly Capable Program.
3. **Attach** a copy of your student's **last report card**, except for current kindergarten students.
4. **If** your student is homeschooled or attends a school other than an Edmonds School District school, also **attach** any standardized testing such as Stanford, CAT, ITBS, MAP, etc.

I give permission for my child to be assessed for the Edmonds School District Highly Capable Program. The assessment process begins with the Cognitive Abilities Test, which is three hours long; (I understand that my child will be required to sit calmly and follow directions for up to three hours with minimal breaks.) All available supplementary data will be considered by the Multidisciplinary Selection Committee for identification and placement of students who have the greatest need for highly capable services. The multidisciplinary selection committee's decision is final.

Parent Signature _____ Date _____

Must be received in the Highly Capable Program office no later than 4:30 p.m. on November 30, 2019.

Mail, email, fax, or deliver to the above address along with any supporting documentation, (i.e. report cards, test scores, proof of residency).

HIGHLY CAPABLE PROGRAM PARENT REFLECTION FORM

(STUDENT LEARNING, MOTIVATION, CREATIVITY CHARACTERISTICS)

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|-----------------|----------------------------|-------|------|
| Name of Student | Date of Birth (MM/DD/YYYY) | Grade | Date |
| School | Teacher | | |

Directions: Please read the statements below carefully and rate your student according to the following scale. Please be as accurate as possible. Provide only one check mark per question that best reflects your student. **This survey will be kept at the district's Highly Capable office.**

- If you have **rarely** observed this characteristic (less than 10% of the time)
- If you have **sometimes** observed this characteristic (approximately 25% of the time)
- If you have **often** observed this characteristic (approximately 50% of the time)
- If you have observed this characteristic **most of the time** (75% to 100% of the time)

| LEARNING CHARACTERISTICS – <i>(one score per question)</i> | Rarely | Sometimes | Often | Most of the Time |
|---|--------|-----------|-------|------------------|
| 1. Has unusually advanced vocabulary for age or grade level. | | | | |
| 2. Possesses large storehouse of information about a variety of topics (beyond the usual interests of students his/her age). | | | | |
| 3. Has quick recall and mastery of factual information. | | | | |
| 4. Has quick insight into cause-effect relationships; tries to discover the how and why of things; asks many provocative questions; wants to know what makes things or people "tick." | | | | |
| 5. Has ready grasp of underlying principles and can quickly make valid generalizations about people, events, or things; looks for similarities and differences in events, people, and things. | | | | |
| 6. Is a keen and alert observer; usually "sees more" or "gets more" out of a story, film, etc., than others. | | | | |
| 7. Reads a great deal on his/her own; prefers adult or books for much older students; does not avoid difficult material. | | | | |
| 8. Tries to understand complicated material by separating it into its respective parts; reasons things out and sees logical and common sense answers. | | | | |

| MOTIVATIONAL CHARACTERISTICS – <i>(one score per question)</i> | Rarely | Sometimes | Often | Most of the Time |
|---|--------|-----------|-------|------------------|
| 1. Becomes absorbed and involved in certain topics or problems; Persistent in seeking task completion. | | | | |
| 2. Is easily bored with routine tasks. | | | | |
| 3. Needs very little if any external motivation to follow through in work that initially excites him/her. | | | | |
| 4. Strives toward perfection; is self-critical; is not easily satisfied with their own speed or products. | | | | |
| 5. Prefers to work independently; requires little direction from teachers. | | | | |
| 6. Is interested in many "adult" topics and issues such as religion, politics, and/or ethical issues – more than usual for age level. | | | | |
| 7. Often is self-assertive (sometimes aggressive); stubborn in his/her beliefs. | | | | |
| 8. Likes to organize and bring structure to things, people, and situations. | | | | |
| 9. Is quite concerned with right and wrong, good and bad; often evaluates and passes judgment on events, people, and things. | | | | |

| CREATIVITY – (one score per question) | Rarely | Sometimes | Often | Most of the Time |
|--|---------------|------------------|--------------|-------------------------|
| 1. Is curious about many things; is constantly asking questions about anything and everything. | | | | |
| 2. Generates a large number of ideas or solutions to problems and questions; often offers unusual, unique, and clever responses. | | | | |
| 3. Is uninhibited in expression of opinion; is sometimes radical and spirited in disagreement; tenacious. | | | | |
| 4. Is a high risk-taker; is adventurous and speculative. | | | | |
| 5. Creates stories, plays, written expression; fantasizes and imagines (“I wonder what would happen if...”); manipulates ideas and improvises commonplace materials. | | | | |
| 6. Has a keen sense of humor and may see humor in situations that may not appear humorous to others. | | | | |
| 7. Responds emotionally to stories, events and the needs of others. | | | | |
| 8. Is individualistic and is not afraid to be different. | | | | |
| 9. Criticizes constructively; is unwilling to accept rules without reasons or critical examination. | | | | |

**HIGHLY CAPABLE PROGRAM
TEACHER INVENTORY FORM**

(STUDENT LEARNING, MOTIVATION, CREATIVITY CHARACTERISTICS)

(Student Identification Section)

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|-----------------|---------|---|--|------|
| Name of Student | | Date of Birth (MM/DD/YYYY) | Grade | Date |
| School | Teacher | IEP: <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No 504 Plan: <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No Other: _____ | ELL: <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No TITLE I/LAP: <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No | |

Teacher Directions: Please read the statements below carefully and rate your student according to the following scale. Provide only one check mark per question that best reflects your student.

This survey will be kept at the district's Highly Capable office. Copies WILL NOT be placed in the student's CUM file.

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| 3. Has quick recall and mastery of factual information. | | | | |
| 4. Has quick insight into cause-effect relationships; tries to discover the how and why of things; asks many provocative questions; wants to know what makes things or people "tick". | | | | |
| 5. Has ready grasp of underlying principles and can quickly make valid generalizations about people, events or things; looks for similarities and differences in events, people, and things. | | | | |
| 6. Is a keen and alert observer; usually "sees more" or "gets more" out of a story, film, etc., than others. | | | | |
| 7. Reads a great deal on his/her own; prefers adult level books; does not avoid difficult material. | | | | |
| 8. Tries to understand complicated material by separating it into its respective parts; reasons things out and sees logical and common sense answers. | | | | |

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| 2. Is easily bored with routine tasks. | | | | |
| 3. Needs very little if any external motivation to follow through in work that initially excites him/her. | | | | |
| 4. Strives toward perfection; is self-critical; is not easily satisfied with their own speed or products. | | | | |
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| 6. Is interested in many "adult" topics and issues such as religion, politics, and/or ethical issues – more than usual for age level. | | | | |
| 7. Often is self-assertive (sometimes aggressive); stubborn in his/her beliefs. | | | | |
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| 9. Criticizes constructively; is unwilling to accept rules without reasons or critical examination. | | | | |

The Highly Capable classrooms are designed for students who are academically advanced or demonstrate high intellectual capability. Successful candidates are often independent learners who thrive on progressively challenging opportunities, utilize advanced problem-solving skills, and an in-depth study of curriculum matched to their demonstrated skills and capabilities. Using the National Association for Gifted Children Standards, the curriculum, instruction, and pacing is considerably more advanced and at a higher level than a regular classroom.

TEACHER’S RECOMMENDATION:

Based on the above-described nature of the program and your knowledge of this student, please give your overall recommendation by selecting one of the following:

- 4 - I strongly believe this program is a **great fit** for this student.
- 3 - I believe this program is a **good fit** for this student.
- 2 - I believe this program could be a good fit but **have reservations**.
- 1 - I strongly believe this program is **not** a good fit for this student.

Please include specific comments that you believe would be helpful for the selection committee:

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TEACHER SIGNATURE _____ DATE _____

Teachers: Please return this completed form directly to the Highly Capable Office.

Due By: December 20, 2019

**Edmonds School District
Attn: Highly Capable Program
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