



Highly Capable  
Services  
**Primary  
Enrichment  
Program  
(PEP)**

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## What we we'll cover today...

- Overview of Highly Capable identification & programs K-12
- The Primary Enrichment Program (PEP) in grades K/1



# Overview of Highly Capable Identification



ALL Kindergarten students are screened

A Multidisciplinary Placement Committee (MDPC) reviews:

- Multiple indicators of aptitude and achievement
- All available evidence
  - Assessment scores (WAKIDS, DIBELS)
  - Teacher feedback on literacy and math skills



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## How are students selected for PEP?

PEP services are designed to meet the academic needs of students determined to be in **roughly the 90th percentile\*** and above when compared to the general population.

The MDPC looks for consistent scores and indicators of performance:

- **above the 90th percentile (for grades K and 1)**
- **and/or work that is substantially above grade level in either area of eligibility (Math and ELA)**



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# Primary Enrichment Program (PEP) for Kindergarten and First Grade



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# What is the Primary Enrichment Program (PEP)?



For Kindergarten:

- Services begin in March of Kindergarten and continue through June (approx. 11 weeks)
- Explore topics more deeply and through different ways of thinking
- Literacy & math enrichment/extension activities created by a team of specialists and kindergarten teachers.





## What is the Primary Enrichment Program (PEP)?

- Services provided at student's neighborhood school
- Literacy enrichment provided by classroom teacher.
- Math includes weekly small group instruction. Provided by another educator with eligible students from all the kindergarten classes grouped together.





## What is the Primary Enrichment Program (PEP)?

For 1st Grade:

- Services continue in 1st grade from September to June
- Services provided at student's neighborhood school
- All 1st graders screened for identification for services for grade 2 +. PEP students are not automatically eligible for services in grades 2-12





# Shoreline School District Highly Capable Program Grades 2-12

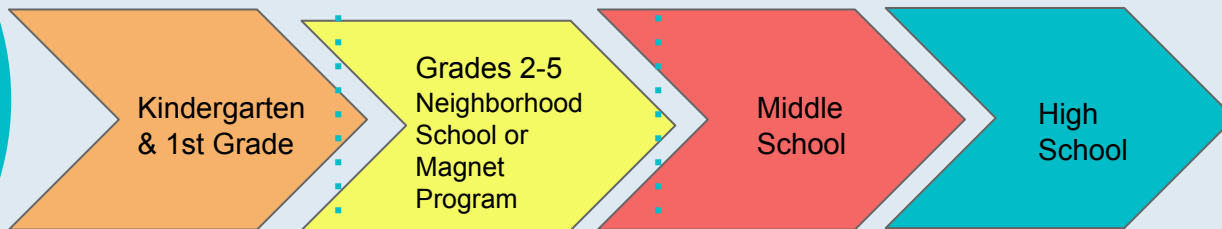


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# K-12 Continuum of Highly Capable Services

Additional screening/ qualification required for services in grades 2-12



**PEP:** Weekly math and/or literacy instruction or enrichment at neighborhood school

Daily differentiated and/or accelerated instruction in math and/or literacy

Course enrollment options  
Cohort / Cluster classes in ELA

Course enrollment options to include Honors, College in the High School, Running Start, Advanced Placement





## Eligibility for Highly Capable Services

### Equitable Identification Practices

- Screen ALL Kindergarten students
- Screen ALL 1st, 3rd, and 5th grade students
- Annual option to register for evaluation in grades that are not already screened.





## How are students selected for Highly Capable?

The Multi-Disciplinary Committee looks for consistent scores and indicators of performance:

- above the 95th percentile (for grades 2+) and/or work that is substantially above grade level in either area of eligibility (Math and ELA).



# Frequently Asked Questions PEP (Primary Enrichment Program)



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## Frequently Asked Questions

### What if my student only qualified in one area?

- When we are assessing students they are still very young. Their cognitive development may be proceeding more rapidly in one area than another and will become more consistent as they continue to grow and develop. It is also possible to consistently demonstrate advanced cognitive ability in one area and not another. Sometimes families of these students, elect to have their student screened again during optional screening.

### What if my child has an IEP or 504?

- All testing accommodations noted in a 504 or IEP are followed for highly capable assessments
- Many students are eligible for Highly Capable services and other services (MLL, Special Education, etc.). Students can receive both kinds of services in their school day.





## Frequently Asked Questions

### When will my child be screened again?

- All first grade students will be screened again for Highly Capable eligibility during the first grade year. Screening typically occurs in December and additional testing may occur in February.

### Will my student continue with Highly Capable Services in grade 2?

- Participation in PEP does not guarantee your student will continue with Highly Capable services in grade 2. All students will be screened again in 1st grade to determine further eligibility for services in grades 2 and beyond.







## Frequently Asked Questions

### How do I learn more about the assessments used as part of the eligibility process?

- All information about the assessment process can be found on the Highly Capable website. Parents are welcome to explore these resources.

### Should my child study or “prep” for the assessments?

- We do not recommend or endorse “prepping” students for the assessment process. The information reviewed for each student includes information about current classroom performance, academic achievement and ability measures to provide a robust learner profile.





Reminder

Decisions are **due:**

March 11, 2024 by 5pm





# Thanks!

## Still have questions?

For questions specific about services for your student: [Reach out to your student's classroom teacher.](#)

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