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**Primary Talent Pool**  
**Grades K through 3**

# What is Primary Talent Pool (PTP)?

- a group of students who possess demonstrated or potential ability to perform at exceptionally high levels in the Kindergarten through Third Grade.
- These students are called High-Potential Learners

# What is the purpose of PTP?

- To provide enrichment opportunities to help nurture students' academic and social/emotional development.

# How is a student selected for PTP?

- Teachers observe students who “stand out” and refer them to the program
- A minimum of 3 informal assessments are required
  - Behavior checklists
  - Anecdotal records
  - Parent interviews /questionnaires
  - Assessment data
  - Work samples, products, performances

# How many students usually qualify for PTP?

- According to 704 KAR 3:285, “high-potential learner” are students who typically represent the top quartile (25%) of the entire student population

A PTP student does not have a set Gifted Student Service Plan (GSSP), but can be nominated for any of these areas:

1. Creativity/Divergent Thinking
2. General Intelligence
3. Leadership
4. A specific academic area (math, science, social studies, language arts)
5. Visual and Performing arts (art, dance, drama, music)

What if I nominate someone I think is a high potential learner and it turns out they are not?

- Best practice is to “err on the side of inclusion”! It is best to offer the student the opportunity to develop their talents.

# What is the referral process?

**Step 1:** Teacher notices a potential PTP candidate

**Step 2:** Contact GT teacher and/or coordinator

**Step 3:** Teacher will fill out the PTP referral form. (this is available from the GT Teacher)

**Step 4:** Teacher will attach samples of work/performances to the referral form. The referral form will include anecdotal evidence and a student behavior checklist.

**Step 5:** Turn in to GT teacher or coordinator.

**Step 6:** The GT teacher/coordinator will review the referral and make a determination on eligibility. If eligible, a permission form will be sent home. Once returned, a student will be eligible to receive service.



For more information about the Primary Talent Pool and Gifted Education:

<https://education.ky.gov/specialed/GT/Pages/Gifted-and-Talented-Links-of-Interest.aspx>