



RAINIER SCHOOL DISTRICT

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Highly Capable Program Parent Referral Information K-5

The Rainier School District offers services to students who have been identified as highly capable. Highly capable students are those who perform or show potential for performing at significantly advanced academic levels. Nominations are accepted for students in grades K - 12 who are not already enrolled in the highly capable program and may be made by the student's parents, teachers, or school district staff. Services are provided for students in grades K - 12 including advanced reading or math groups at the elementary level, and honors, advanced placement, and college in the high school options for middle and high school students.

A holistic screening process will be conducted on all referrals. This process considers a child's complete academic history including standardized test results, parent input, teacher evaluation, and CogAT screening. Full CogAT online assessments are administered by trained RSD staff. Parents/guardians will be notified of the results of this process during the week of March 24th via email.

If you would like to refer your student, please complete the nomination form below and the Parent Rating Scale. Return both forms to your school's main office no later than **March 14, 2025**. There are no extensions to this deadline.

Highly Capable Program Parent Referral Form:

I nominate _____ to be considered for Highly Capable student services.

Current school: _____ Current grade level: _____

I give permission for my child to participate in testing to determine eligibility for the Highly Capable program.

Relationship to Student: _____

Parent Printed Name: _____

Parent Signature: _____ Date: _____

Please return this form along with the parent rating scale form to your school's main office



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Parent Rating Scale for Grades K-5

Student Name: _____

Grade _____

Please consider each of the fifteen characteristics in this rating scale in relation to your own child. Note that some of the characteristics are fairly typical of children this age. For example, most children learn many things quickly and all of them exhibit curiosity. What you are asked to do is consider the degree to which your child seems different from the norm. To help you with this task, a rating scale 1-4 has been provided. Return this to your child's school along with the nomination form.

1 = My child acts/reacts in this area like a typical child of this age.

2 = My child seems above average for his/her age.

3 = My child seems quite advanced in this area as compared to other children of this age.

4 = My child's behavior seems extremely advanced in this area when compared to other children of this age.

		Rating
1.	Learns things quickly.	
2.	Enjoys intellectual activity.	
3.	Uses precise words and has a large vocabulary.	
4.	Concentrates on areas of interest for long periods of time.	
5.	Has a storehouse of general knowledge.	
6.	Seeks conversations with adults or older children on topics of special interest.	
7.	Experiments and explores.	
8.	Is sensitive.	
9.	Has many and/or intense interests.	
10.	Has a high energy level.	
11.	Asks many questions.	
12.	Conveys and picks up on humor well.	
13.	Has a long attention span on certain topics.	
14.	Sees and solves problems.	
15.	Has creative and inventive ideas.	
	TOTAL	

Thank you for completing this rating scale. Please add comments related to any of the characteristics your child exhibits. Examples of specific behaviors would be especially helpful.