Highly Capable Services

Primary Enrichment Program (PEP)

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Identification for Primary Enrichment Program (PEP) Services

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How are students selected for PEP?

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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How are students selected for HiCap services grades 2+

PEP students are not automatically eligible for services in grades 2-12.

- All 1st graders screened for identification for services for grade 2 +.
- **PEP services** are designed to meet the academic needs of students in **roughly the 90th percentile*** and above.
- **HiCap services grades 2+** are designed to meet the academic needs of students in **roughly the 95th percentile*** and above.

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.

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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. 10 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.
- Literacy & math services provided through differentiation by the classroom teacher.

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What is the Primary Enrichment Program (PEP)?

For 1st grade:

- Services begin in September and continue through June.
- Math includes weekly small group instruction. Provided by another educator with eligible students from all the 1st grade classes grouped together.
- Student eligibility for specific math enrichment instruction will be determined after an additional math assessment is given during the Spring of Kindergarten.

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Highly Capable Program
Grades 2-12

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K & 1st Grade	Grades 2-5	Middle School	High School
PEP - Primary Enrichment Program Weekly math and/or literacy extension or enrichment at neighborhood school	**Neighborhood School** Daily differentiated instruction in literacy and/or math; weekly pullout in math **Magnet Program** Self-contained classroom at Meridian Park Elementary	Math course enrollment options Cohort / Cluster classes in English language arts (ELA)	Classroom differentiation and course options, including Honors, College in the High School, Running Start, Advanced Placement

K-12 Highly Capable Continuum of Services

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

Frequently Asked Questions
PEP (Primary Enrichment Program

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Frequently Asked Questions

When will my child be screened again?

- All first grade students will be screened again for Highly Capable eligibility in grades 2+. 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.

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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.

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Frequently Asked Questions

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.

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Thanks!

Still have questions?

For questions specific about services for your student: Reach out to your student's classroom teacher.

For general info, check our website: https://www.ssd412.org/academics/highly-capable

Or contact us: highlycapable@ssd412.org