

2026-2027 Highly Capable (HiCap) Testing Timelines & Placement Information

Testing dates, times and locations	Which students are testing or retesting?	Nomination window	Notification of testing results
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August 2026 Testing – ONLY for new students since December 19, 2025

Testing dates: August 10, 2026 August 13, 2026 August 14, 2026 Testing times: 9:00 AM to 11:30 AM Testing location(s): Islander Middle School Library	Students testing: Only students new to the district since December 19, 2025 who have not tested within the past 12 months.	Nominating students new to the district: Anytime between April 7, 2025 at 8:00 AM to August 1st at Noon.	Notification of testing results: Parents will be notified of scores as soon as possible prior to the start of the school year.
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September 2026 Testing – ONLY for new students who enrolled between August 1 - September 12, 2026

Testing dates: September 16, 2026 September 23, 2026 September 30, 2026 Testing times: After school. Testing location(s): MISD Admin Boardroom.	Students testing: Only students new to the district since August 1st.	Nominating students new to the district: Anytime between August 1, 2026 at noon to September 11, 2026 at 4:00 PM.	Notification of testing results: Parents will be emailed scores by November 15, 2025. Placements will be made after acceptance forms have been returned and will be effective beginning Trimester 2.
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January/February 2027 Testing – ALL Kindergarten and 2nd grade district students for universal testing

Testing dates: Determined by individual schools. Times and locations: Respective classrooms during the school day. Specific days/times determined by each building/teacher. Classroom teachers will be able to share the details.	Students testing: All district Kindergarten and 2 nd grade students.	No nomination needed.	Notification of testing results: Parents will be mailed scores on or before May 1, 2026.
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January/February 2027 Testing – Gr. 3-11 MI residents private school students or nominated district students*

Testing dates: TBD Testing times: After school, 2.5 hours duration. Testing location(s): At their respective schools (or in the case of private school students, at the school they would be zoned to).	Students testing: MI residents who attend private schools. OR Students retesting*: District students who have not previously qualified for services and who have not tested in the past 12 months AND who have not tested more than two years in a row.	Nominating private school students and current MISD district students: November 16, 2026 at 8:00 AM to December 18, 2026 at noon.	Notification of testing results: Parents will be mailed scores on or before May 1, 2026.
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Questions? Go to the www.mercerislandschools.org/hicap webpage for more information or email highlycapable@mercerislandschools.org.

*Students may only test for two consecutive years, then must take a two year break from testing.