

**Grand Coulee Dam School District
Annual Notification WAC 392-170-042
Public Referral for the 2026-2027 Highly Capable Program**

Referrals for consideration of participation in Grand Coulee Dam School District's Highly Capable Program for the 2026-2027 school year are currently being accepted. Anyone may refer a student including parents/guardians, teachers, other students, and members of the community.

Highly Capable Services are designed to address the unique needs of highly capable students in grades K-12. Students identified as highly capable of high academic and intellectual ability will have an opportunity to explore concepts in greater depth and further develop their thinking and creativity. There will be a continuum of service options for students depending on their grade level.

Referrals will be accepted for currently enrolled students in grades K-12 throughout the 2026-2027 school year. Referrals will be accepted from parents/guardians, teachers and community members for initial screening for participation in the Highly Capable Program.

To participate in the program, students must meet very rigorous criteria and be selected by their school's multidisciplinary team which includes an administrator, teachers, and the School Psychologist.

GCDSD Highly Capable Identification Process:

- 1) Public referrals accepted: September 2026. There will be a testing window open in October 2026. Anyone interested in referring a student to be assessed for program eligibility can download district referral forms from <http://www.gcdsd.org>. Forms will also be available at the Lake Roosevelt Elementary office or Lake Roosevelt Jr/Sr. High School office.
- 2) Please return completed referral forms to Lake Roosevelt Elementary or Lake Roosevelt Jr/Sr. High School in person, fax to 509-633-2530, or email to cderr@gcdsd.org.
- 3) Referrals will be screened by each school's HCP selection committee composed of teachers, counselors/psychologists, and administrators using multiple objective criteria in accordance with WAC 392-170-045.
- 4) Cognitive Testing/Screening: The HCP building selection committee will identify students for additional cognitive testing who demonstrate evidence supporting highly qualified characteristics.
- 5) HCP school selection committee(s) will analyze achievement and cognitive student data to determine placement.
- 6) Letters will be mailed to parents/guardians announcing the committee's decision for eligibility.

If you have questions, please contact the Executive Director of Support Services, Carrie Derr, at cderr@gcdsd.org or 509-631-3160.

Please note: Universal Screening for all 2nd and 6th grade students will take place in January 2027.