

**Henrico County Public Schools**  
*Gifted Education Programs*

**Screening Process for Gifted Identification**

The screening process consists of creating a pool of potential K-12 students who may or may not proceed to the referral process. The screening process requires instructional personnel to review, at a minimum, current assessment data on each kindergarten through twelfth-grade student annually. Screening criteria may include any of the following sources.

- 1. Screening Checklists of Gifted Characteristics** – Classroom teachers document students' gifted characteristics and behaviors.
- 2. Inquiries** – The school's Gifted Identification Coordinator (GIC) receives inquiries about gifted services from parent/guardian(s), professional educators, community members, peers, or students. Inquiries must be made by emailing or making a request in writing to the GIC.
- 3. Nationally Norm-Referenced Test Scores** – The school's GIC, gifted resource teacher, school principal, or Educational Specialist for Gifted Education Programs reviews students' ability and/or achievement test scores, with a particular emphasis on scores at the 96th percentile or higher.
- 4. Records of Identified Transfer Students** - The school's registrar and/or school counseling office notifies the school's GIC of students who have been identified for gifted education services in other school divisions.

**Referral Process for Gifted Identification:**

- **October 7-25 - Referrals accepted for 3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup>, 8<sup>th</sup> grade students**
- **January 6-24- Referrals accepted for K, 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, 6<sup>th</sup> grade students**

**For more information on middle school referrals, please contact the gifted resource teacher at the appropriate middle school. For high school referrals, please contact the Gifted Programs Office at 652-3765.**

A parent/guardian, professional educator, community member, self, or peer may refer a student. Referrals are accepted in writing by the school's Gifted Identification Coordinator, October 7-25 or January 6-24 for specified grades. Parents/Guardians **must send an email or submit a request in writing** to the school's Gifted Identification Coordinator from October 7-25 or January 6-24 of the appropriate referral window. The school's coordinator will send an *Academic Referral Form* and *Parent/Guardian Questionnaire* home to be completed. The questionnaire is also available through the HCPS website. The website can be here found: [henricoschools.us/gifted](http://henricoschools.us/gifted)

### **Criteria Collected for Gifted Identification:**

The following information **must** be gathered and reviewed:

- *Parent/Guardian Questionnaire* with optional examples
- *Classroom Performance*, including a Professional Rating Scale completed by your child's teacher with several examples of student work
- Grades
- Standardized test scores- **One test score will be used as criteria**

The following information **may** be gathered and reviewed:

- Report of student interview/observation

### **Gifted identification Criteria:**

#### Intellectual Aptitude Identification

- Four criteria supporting identification in English/language arts and
- Four criteria supporting identification in mathematics

#### English/Language Arts Identification

- Four criteria to support identification

#### Mathematics Identification

- Four criteria to support identification

### **Parental Notification**

**Parents will receive two letters as follows:**

- October 28-November 1, 2019 or January 27-31, 2020 Academic Referral Letter
- January 3-February 21, 2020 or March 2- April 24, 2020 Parent/Guardian Identification Team Notification Letter

The Identification/Placement Team will meet and parents will be sent copies of the Team Summary forms after they have been returned from Central Office. If parents would like to review the contents of their child's portfolio after they have received the Team Summary forms, they need to contact the school's Gifted Identification Coordinator.