

**Henrico County Public Schools**  
**Gifted Education Programs**  
**Frequently Asked Questions About**  
**Gifted K-5 Grouping**

**1. What is School Wide Cluster Grouping?**

*In the School wide Cluster Grouping Model, all students in a grade level are grouped according to their abilities and achievement levels. The model creates a balance of ability and achievement across each grade level, yielding desirable outcomes that benefit all students. For more information on the School Wide Cluster Grouping Model and its benefits to students, please click on the following link: [GCTscgm.pdf](#)*

**2. What services will the Gifted Resource Teacher provide?**

*The Gifted Resource teacher will work with identified gifted students weekly to enhance critical thinking, research skills and problem solving. They will also consult and collaborate with the classroom teachers to provide services within and outside of the classroom to provide additional rigorous and enriched opportunities for students.*

**3. My child attends a Gifted Zone Center, how does this impact their placement next year?**

*It doesn't. The Fourth and Fifth Grade Zone Centers located at Ward, Trevvett, and Three Chopt will continue serving gifted students identified as General Intellect (GI) from feeder schools.*

**4. My child is identified gifted as General Intellect, what will be different for him/her next year?**

*The Fourth and Fifth Grade School Based Center classrooms will only serve Gifted Students identified as General Intellect starting with the rising Fourth grade class in the Fall of 2014, unless a waiver is requested by the school principal.*

**5. What does a waiver mean?**

*School Based Centers with a small number of students identified as GI may, on a year to year basis; request that student identified as specific aptitude (Math or Language Arts) be placed in the School Based Center for a maximum of 3 years.*

**6. My child is identified gifted in a specific area, what will be different for him/her next year?**

*All students identified as specific aptitude and students electing not to attend a Zone Center will have access to their specific curriculum needs based on the School-Wide Cluster Grouping Model; in which they will be taught by a classroom teacher and receive services from the Elementary Gifted Resource Teacher. However, if your child attends a School Based Center and the school requests a waiver, your child may potentially receive instruction in the Gifted School Based Center Classroom.*

**7. I would like more information!**

*Please contact your School Principal, Gifted Identification Coordinator, or Patty Griffin, HCPS Specialist for Gifted Programs.*



