

How do I know my child is gifted?

- ❖ *Learns Easily*
- ❖ *Exhibits Advanced Abilities*
- ❖ *Displays Curiosity & Creativity*
- ❖ *Has Strong Interests*
- ❖ *Shows Advanced Problem Solving Ability*
- ❖ *Displays Spatial Reasoning*
- ❖ *Self-motivated*
- ❖ *Exhibits empathy and/or humor atypical for age*
- ❖ *Displays Leadership*

What are my next steps?

1. Contact your child's school
2. Submit a written referral to the Gifted Identification Coordinator
3. Return necessary paperwork by deadline

Henrico County Public Schools is committed to the use of multiple criteria for identifying gifted students from all cultural and socio-economic backgrounds. Accordingly, the district provides a qualitatively differentiated instructional program that includes rigorous 21st Century curriculum content and innovative instructional opportunities for students in grade K-12. HCPS also recognizes the complex social and emotional needs of gifted students.



Henrico County Gifted Education



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My child is in the gifted identification process. What happens now?

Collection of Evidence:

- ❖ Nationally-normed test scores
- ❖ Parent Questionnaire
- ❖ Professional Rating Scale
- ❖ Examples of student work
- ❖ Grades
- ❖ Interview/Observation (*if needed*)

Four pieces of evidence must be found supportive in order for a student to be identified.

What does Identification mean?

Students can be identified in three different academic areas:

- General Intellect (*Math and English*)
- Specific Academic, *Mathematics*
- Specific Academic, *English*

"It is the supreme art of the teacher to awaken joy in creative expression and knowledge."
-Albert Einstein

Most Challenging Pathways for Gifted Students

K-3	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ Cluster Grouping ❖ Gifted Resource
4	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ Zone Center ❖ School-Based Center ❖ Early Bird Math Application ❖ GPA used for IBMYP Application
5	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ Early Bird Math* ❖ 5/6 Math* ❖ Zone Center ❖ School-Based Center ❖ Apply to IBMYP
6-8	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ Algebra I/Geo/Algebra II* ❖ 6/7 Math/Algebra I/Geo ❖ World Language ❖ Adv. Core Content areas ❖ Gifted Electives ❖ HS Credit Elective(s) ❖ Apply to MLWGS/Specialty Centers (8th grade)
9-12	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ HCPS Specialty Centers ❖ Maggie L. Walker Governor's School ❖ Summer Governor's Schools ❖ Dual Enrollment College Courses ❖ Advanced Placement Courses ❖ Gifted Seminars

Gifted Program Goals

The HCPS Gifted Program is designed to nurture and extend curiosity, metacognition, and creative expression through a variety of student-centered opportunities.

Students will become self-directed learners through experiences that foster creative risk-taking and support intellectual development. Utilizing rigorous 21st Century curriculum and innovative instructional opportunities, HCPS encourages students to maximize their potential.

All instruction is uniquely designed and differentiated for students and built around the following areas:

- ❖ Critical Thinking
- ❖ Problem Solving
- ❖ Inquiry
- ❖ Communication
- ❖ Leadership
- ❖ Independent Research