

Gifted Referrals for 2-12 Students

How often can a gifted referral be made?

Students can be referred for gifted services once each school year during the appropriate window. Students may be referred in the area of English/Language Arts and/or mathematics.

Should I refer my 2nd - 12th grade student for gifted service?

- Does your child demonstrate a need to know as much as possible about a current topic of interest?
- Does your child have multiple interests typically found with older students?
- Does your child have a large vocabulary, read and comprehends 2 years above grade-level and use complex sentences in their writing?
- Does your child demonstrate emotional maturity with the ability to understand multiple perspectives?
- Does your child demonstrate an intense need for fairness or an unusual awareness of social emotional issues around them?
- Does your child apply math to real world problem solving?
- Does your child recognize that there are often multiple solutions to problems?
- Does your child ask insightful questions with an effort to understand big ideas?

If you answered yes to several questions and are considering making a referral, we encourage you to have a conversation with your child's teacher. Share what you are seeing at home and inquire about what the teacher is observing academically in the classroom.

This site from the National Association for Gifted Children may be helpful:

<http://www.nagc.org/resources-publications/resources/my-child-gifted/common-characteristics-gifted-individuals/traits>

Things to know about the Second-Twelfth Grade Gifted Identification Process

- A complete portfolio is collected for each student consisting of classroom performance (work samples and teacher narrative), parent narrative, grades, and standardized test scores. This information is gathered in the area of referral.
- Standardized test scores are used. All second grade students in Henrico County are administered an ability test. All third through eighth grade students are administered the NWEA achievement test. We recognize the fall scores from this assessment. Standardized test scores of 96th percentile or higher support an identification. PSAT or SAT scores may be used for secondary students.

To learn more about the gifted identification process for all students please refer to our gifted website at <http://henricoschools.us/gifted>.