



Referral for Highly Capable Program Services

Meridian School District is now accepting referrals of students to participate in programs for highly capable students. Teachers, staff, parents, students and members of the community may refer a student (WAC 392-170-045). To refer a student, please complete this form and return it to Adrienne Somera through your school office. **This form must be received no later than December 15th, 2016 in order for the student to be assessed.** If you have questions, please call 398-2111.

Student name _____ Current Grade/Teacher _____

Person completing the form _____ Relationship to child _____

Phone Number _____ Student has: (yes or no) IEP: _____ 504: _____ EL: _____

Permission for Assessment: to be completed by the student's parent or guardian (WAC 392-170-047).

As the parent/guardian of _____ (student name) I acknowledge and support this referral for Highly Capable Program services.

I understand that:

- The district will assess each referred student using multiple data points from a variety of sources, including tests that measure cognitive ability and academic achievement. Examples include: the CogAT (Cognitive Abilities Test), Measures of Academic Progress (MAP), Smarter Balanced Assessment (SBAC), and other standardized measures.
- A multidisciplinary selection team composed of a district administrator, psychologist and a teacher will review data collected for each of the referred students. They will select those students who would receive the most benefit from participating in the program.
- Parent or guardian may appeal the decision of the multidisciplinary selection team by submitting a letter of appeal to the highly capable program coordinator no later than two weeks after the decision.
- If the student, parent or teacher determines the program no longer fits the needs of the student, an exit process will be initiated. If teachers and/or the program director determine the student is not demonstrating consistent academic progress, a conference to discuss alternatives will be scheduled with parents.
- Highly capable student program offerings include: differentiation within the core classroom, flexible grouping within classrooms, grade and/or subject advancement, independent study, cluster grouping, Advanced Placement (MHS), and enrichment. Program offerings vary from year to year based on the needs and interests of our students.

Meridian School District has my permission to administer screening assessments to determine if my child qualifies for Highly Capable Program services.

Parent/Guardian Name _____ Phone number _____

Signature _____ Date _____