

Creston School District Highly Capable Program Annual Notification Announcement

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As part of Creston School District's commitment to student learning, we offer opportunities for academic enrichment through the K-12 Highly Capable Program.

Highly capable students perform or show potential for performing at significantly advanced academic levels when compared with others of their age, experiences, or environments. Learning characteristics include:

1. The capacity to learn with unusual depth of understanding, to retain what has been learned, and to transfer learning to new situations
2. The capacity and willingness to deal with increasing levels of abstraction and complexity earlier than their chronological peers
3. Creative ability to make unusual connections among ideas and concepts
4. The ability to learn quickly in their area(s) of intellectual strength
5. The capacity for intense concentration and focus

A teacher, parent/guardian, student, or community member who has knowledge of the student's abilities may refer a student for entry into Creston's Highly Capable Program. Referrals may be submitted at any time during the academic year and parental permission will be obtained before conducting any assessments for eligibility. Nomination forms are available on our webpage, wcsd.wenet.edu, under the Creston School District page.

This year, in addition to the referral process, we will also administer the CogAT 7 test as a universal screener for all students grades 3-8 in order to ensure all students have an equal opportunity for identification as highly capable.

Student eligibility for the Highly Capable Program is determined through the professional judgment of a multidisciplinary committee through the use of multiple criteria:

1. Academic achievement
2. Teacher and parent recommendations
3. Evidence of highly capable learning characteristics
4. Cognitive test results

The Highly Capable Committee will review nominations periodically throughout the year and families will be notified by mail of the screening results.

Parents wishing to appeal the committee's decision must submit an appeal form within 10 days of notification. The appeal must include a detailed written explanation of why the appeal is being submitted, as well as any new information relevant to the screening process.

Notice of the Highly Capable Program identification process is posted online, on the school website, in the school and district offices, through the school newsletter, and in the community newspaper. Please direct any questions to Jaime Reister, Title I/LAP/HCP Director for Creston School District, at 509-636-2721 or kllwellyn@wcsd.wednet.edu.

Highly Capable Program Student Referral Form

Creston School District

Please submit completed nomination forms to Mrs. Hoppe for periodic review throughout the year. Parent permission will be obtained before any screening or testing is administered.

Student's legal name:	
Date of birth:	
Name of person nominating and relationship to student:	
Mailing address:	
Primary telephone number:	
Grade & teacher:	

For each statement, check the word that best describes the student. Please cite specific examples.

The student is an intense learner. This is demonstrated through...			
Almost Always	Often	Seldom	
			Determination to complete assignments and projects successfully
			Using advanced vocabulary, incorporating it into conversation or writing
			Possessing a large amount of factual knowledge used accurately, reading extensively
			Social awareness, concern for fairness, prejudice, and equality issues beyond age level
			Exploring topics of personal interest beyond age level, becoming totally absorbed in an area of particular interest
Examples:			

Almost Always	Often	Seldom	
			Working well independently
			Exceeding expectations, doing more than what is required on assignments of interest
			Working cooperatively as a team member, receptive to the ideas of others
			Eagerness to complete assignments of interest on time or prior to due date
			Assuming leadership positions, leading the group
Examples:			

Additional Comments

Please be as specific as possible in commenting on any characteristics, abilities, and/or aptitudes of this student that you feel should be brought to the attention of the Highly Capable Program Identification and Placement Committee.

Type comments here