

Advanced Learning Enrollment FAQs

Spectrum-Related Questions

Q: If my child is currently enrolled in a Spectrum program and occupies a Spectrum-designated seat, do I need to submit an enrollment application for the next school year if not changing schools?

A: No.

Q: If my child is currently in a Spectrum classroom and was placed into that classroom based on teacher recommendation, is my child now considered to be Spectrum eligible?

A: No.

Q: My child is currently in a Spectrum classroom, was placed into that classroom based on teacher recommendation. If my child then tests and is found ELIGIBLE through this year's testing process, do I need to enroll in order to continue in the Spectrum classroom.

A: Yes.

Q: If my child is currently a Spectrum-eligible student and is rising to the 6th grade, do I need to go through the enrollment process to request a Spectrum seat for middle school?

A: Yes. Current 5th graders in K-5 schools receive a pre-printed application in the mail.

Q: If my child is already in a designated Spectrum classroom in an elementary school, and will be rising to 6th grade, do I need to go through the enrollment process to request a Spectrum seat in middle school.

A: Yes. Current 5th graders in K-5 schools receive a pre-printed application in the mail.

Q: If my child is currently in 6th (or 7th) grade, is newly-made eligible for Spectrum, and is rising to 7th (or 8th) grade, do I need to go through the enrollment process to request a Spectrum seat?

A: Yes, if newly-made eligible for 7th (or 8th) grade Spectrum, even if staying in the same school.

Q: If my child is currently a Spectrum eligible student and participating in an Advanced Learning Opportunity program (ALO), do I need to submit an application if I want to move my child into the Spectrum program?

A: Yes.

Q: Is my child guaranteed a Spectrum seat?

A: No. Waitlists can occur if all seats are filled by continuing students rising to the next grade in the same school or if more students apply for the available number of seats.

Q: Do students enrolled in a Spectrum program in 5th grade have a higher priority for middle school 6th grade Spectrum seats during the enrollment lottery.

A: No. All currently enrolled 5th grade Spectrum students, all currently enrolled Spectrum eligible ALO students, and all newly-eligible public school and private school 5th grade students, are in the same lottery pool.

Advanced Learning Opportunity (ALO)-Related Questions

Q: Is there a special way to enroll for students wishing to participate in the Advanced Learning Opportunity (ALO) programs?

A: No. Apply as a general education student at an ALO school through the regular enrollment process. There are no set-aside seats.

Q: Do students need to apply for testing and be found eligible as academically gifted (AG) or academically highly gifted (AHG) to receive ALO services at an ALO school?

A: No. Students who are AG or AHG receive services, as well as students recommended to receive services by school staff.

Accelerated Progress Program Related Questions

Q: Are 5th grade students at Lowell automatically assigned to the Accelerated Progress Program (APP) at Washington Middle School?

A: Yes. 5th grade APP students at Lowell do not need to fill out and submit enrollment registration forms.

Q: Do 5th grade newly-eligible students or 5th grade academically highly gifted (AHG) students sitting in a Spectrum or ALO program have a guaranteed assignment to APP at Washington Middle School.

A: Yes, if enrollment registration forms are submitted on-time (last day of February).

Q: Do 8th grade APP students at Washington Middle School have an automatic assignment to Garfield High School?

A: Yes. 8th Grade APP students at Washington Middle School do not need to fill out and submit the enrollment registration forms.

Q: Do only APP students take Advanced Placement (AP) courses at Garfield high school?

A: No. Advanced Placement courses at Garfield are taken by former APP students, former Spectrum students, and all other students who want a challenging course experience. Testing is not required to register for Advanced Placement courses.

Garfield and nine other Seattle Public Schools' high schools offer Advanced Placement (AP) courses for all students who are motivated and ready for a challenging college-level course experience. Each high school offers a different array of courses. Advanced Placement courses follow the College Board's curriculum and present sophomores, juniors, and seniors the opportunity to master college-level curriculum while still in high school.

Registration for AP courses is done at the schools after a student has been assigned to a school and while registering for classes. Students can work with their high school counselor to develop a four-year plan that will include honors and AP courses.