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Dear SPS parents and guardians,

Seattle Public Schools (SPS) Advanced Learning services provide identified students with extra support to help them grow their strengths and work at more complex levels.

To ensure all students have access to Advanced Learning services, SPS refers all kindergarten through eighth grade students to be screened. This process is called *universal screening*. This screening is used to determine possible eligibility for services.

What is Advanced Learning?

Advanced Learning services provide support for student achievement and growth. This includes more assignments and activities that are more complex and challenging.

What is Universal Screening?

Educators and the Advanced Learning team will review every student's academic assessment in December.

The screening process will help identify students who may be eligible for AL services. The process helps to ensure all students are considered.

Student academic information will vary by grade level, and you can find details about the assessments on the webpage linked below.

What Happens Next?

If the screening results show your student may be eligible for services, you will receive a letter and a parent/guardian permission form. This permission form will let SPS know if you agree to have your student evaluated for Advanced Learning services.

It will need to be signed and returned to the Advanced Learning department. This evaluation will not include more testing but will include all information available in your student's SPS file.

Can I Refer My Student?

Yes. Although students are all included in the universal screening process, parents and guardians, teachers, and staff can refer a student to be evaluated. The link to refer a student for evaluation is located on the webpage below.

The Advanced Learning team is dedicated to honoring and supporting the brilliance of every SPS student!

We collaborate with our community to ensure access and success for every student, especially those furthest from educational justice including BIPOC students, English language learners, and students receiving special education services.

Please read more about universal screening, student assessment percentiles, Advanced Learning timeline for evaluation, and how to refer your student on our Advanced Learning webpage.

<https://www.seattleschools.org/departments/advanced-learning/identification-and-eligibility>

Sincerely,

Advanced Learning Department
Seattle Public Schools



Seattle Public Schools 2022-23 Advanced Learning Referral/Nomination Form

for Parents, Guardians, Teachers, Staff, and Community Members

Referral Window November 1 – 30, 2022

Please use this form to refer a student to be screened for eligibility for Advanced Learning or Highly Capable services.

Who should use this form?

Seattle Public Schools (SPS) teachers, staff, parents or legal guardians, students, and members of the community can refer students.

Who can be referred?

- Students who are currently enrolled in a SPS school. They must have enrolled by Thursday, Sept. 29, 2022.
 - Students who enrolled after Sept. 29 should not use this form. These students will be included in the Summer Eligibility and Identification (April-June 2023).
- Kindergarten – eighth grade students who have not had Highly Capable eligibility in the past 12 months
- Ninth – 11th grade students
 - The process for high school students is separate and parents or guardians of these students will be contacted with details.

To ensure SPS students have access to Advanced Learning services, SPS refers and screens kindergarten through eighth grade students. This process, called *universal screening*, is used to determine possible eligibility for services. You may also submit a referral, in addition to the SPS referral.

If the universal screening results show your student may be eligible for services, families will receive a notification letter stating the outcome of the screening and next steps.

If you have questions, please contact the Advanced Learning Department at advlearn@seattleschools.org or 206-252-0130

More information is available on our webpage www.seattleschools.org/advlearning.

Student Information:

Last Name: _____ First Name: _____ Middle: _____
Student ID: _____ Student's Current School: _____

Please Check One of the Referral Options Below:

I am the parent/legal guardian, and I want to refer my student to participate in the eligibility and identification process. In addition, I give consent to the to have their data assessed and evaluated for potential Highly Capable or Advanced Learning services during the 2022-23 school year.

Please explain your reasons:

I am a student, and I would like to be considered during the 2022-23 school year eligibility and identification process. Here are my reasons:

I am teaching staff (educator, school leader, Instructional Assistant, etc.), and I am referring this student for the following reasons:

I am community member, and I am referring this student for the following reasons:

Person who is referring Information:

Name: _____

Email: _____ Phone Number: _____

Permission Confirmation:

By signing below, you are:

- Certifying that you have read and understand the process of referring a student does not guarantee a new eligibility decision for the student.

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