

# Wenatchee Enrichment Program Identification and Services



## How are students identified for participation in services provided by the Enrichment Program?

There are two primary ways students may be identified for services:

1. Teachers may refer students to Talent Groups based on the student's demonstration of talent in the particular area being served such as mathematical talent, verbal/linguistic talent, or visual/spatial skills. These classes may change several times during the year and may be offered at any grade level. The following criteria are used to help teachers identify students:
  - a. Consistent, advanced ability in the subject area, i.e., math, writing, art, etc.
  - b. Finishes work at a faster pace than most students (in this area)
  - c. Works at a greater level of complexity than most students (in this area)
  - d. Motivated or self-directed in topics of interest.
2. Students may be identified for the Talent Pool based on criteria outlined in the Washington Administrative Code (WAC). Fourth and fifth grade students who are *new* to Wenatchee School District and wish to be considered for identification should submit a Parent Referral form available in each school office or on the Enrichment link at [home.wsd.wednet.edu](http://home.wsd.wednet.edu). Referrals are due September 25 and may be made by parents, teachers, students and community members.
3. All current Wenatchee School District students are automatically considered for enrichment services at 3rd grade. Initial services begin in October at 4th grade. Identification is based on the following:
  - a. Evidence that the student scores in the top ten percent in cognitive ability as demonstrated by a standardized ability test and at least in the top 50<sup>th</sup> percentile in reading and math;
  - b. Evidence that the student scores in the top five percent in reading and/or math;
  - c. Evidence that the student demonstrates behavioral characteristics for exceptional creativity.

## Are there enrichment services available if my child does not qualify according to the above criteria?

Our Enrichment Teaching Specialists try to offer numerous opportunities for all students to explore their interests and talents. They often make presentations in classrooms on a variety of topics such as math games, problem solving activities, improvisation, Junior Great Books discussions, and many more. In addition, they may arrange for guest speakers to make presentations to students who are interested in a topic or they may organize an assembly for the entire building. The Enrichment Specialist can also work with the classroom teacher to provide further enrichment within the class, such as supplying challenging materials, working with small groups, or consulting.

## Who should I contact if I have questions about the Enrichment Program?

You may call the Enrichment Coordinator, Terri Bawden, at 662-9047 or you may contact the Enrichment Specialist assigned to your building.

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