

## News Release

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### **Arlington Public Schools accepting kindergarten, first grade and second grade Highly Capable referrals through Nov. 12**

ARLINGTON- Arlington Public Schools is now accepting Highly Capable Program referrals for students in kindergarten, first grade and second grade. Referrals will be accepted through Nov. 12 and evaluated for possible program participation for the 2021-22 school year.

Referrals for students in kindergarten through 11th grade will be accepted from March 1-30, 2022 and will be evaluated for possible program participation for the 2022-23 school year.

Students who are highly capable may possess, but are not limited to, the following learning characteristics:

- Capacity to learn with unusual depth of understanding, to retain what has been learned, and to transfer learning to new situations;
- Capacity and willingness to deal with increasing levels of abstraction and complexity earlier than their chronological peers;
- Creative ability to make unusual connections among ideas and concepts;
- Ability to learn quickly in their area(s) of intellectual strength; and
- Capacity for intense concentration and/or focus.

Referral forms may be found under the "For Families/District Programs/Highly Capable" menus on the district website. For assistance, please contact Karl Olson, Director of Categorical Programs, at 360-618-6210.

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