

# PARENT RESOURCES

## Education enrichment and advanced learning opportunities

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### ADVANCED LEARNING, SEATTLE PUBLIC SCHOOLS

#### Elementary and Middle School

If you are not already enrolled in Spectrum or a Highly Capable Program (HCC), we strongly encourage you to nominate your child for testing. This year, we have an agreement with Seattle Public Schools and will be passing on test scores directly to the district for every student that tested with us. The testing is for eligibility as “Academically Gifted” (Spectrum, one grade level above), or “Highly Academically Gifted” (HCC, two grade levels above), is required for enrollment into these courses. The deadline to apply for testing is generally the first week of October. Ask at your school office for the forms, or contact the Advanced Learning Department at 206-252-0130. There is no cost for testing, and students can apply for testing every year. In addition, if your child’s scores from Rainier Scholars testing are high enough to qualify your student for Advanced Learning, they will be shared with the school district.

#### High School

Once in high school, students have access to Advanced Placement (AP) and International Baccalaureate (IB) programs. These courses are open for all students who are motivated and ready for a challenging college-level course experience. Testing is not required to register for high school AP or IB courses. Toward the end of the school year, students in AP and IB classes take exams which can earn them college credit, placement, or both, at more than 90% of college and universities in the United States and Canada. You can learn more about these programs at [www.collegeboard.com/student/testing/ap/about](http://www.collegeboard.com/student/testing/ap/about) and [www.ibo.org](http://www.ibo.org) or call the Advanced Learning Department for details about programs available in Seattle high schools.

### DISCOVERY/GIFTED PROGRAM, RENTON PUBLIC SCHOOLS

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Students who are identified as highly-capable have a documented need for challenge and differentiation in their academic program. The Discovery Program provides a rigorous learning environment to students in grades 3 through 8.

Students may be recommended for Discovery Testing by professional staff members, parents/guardians, and community members or through self-nomination. Call the Discovery Program Office at 425.204-2483 for more information.

### HIGHLY CAPABLE & CHALLENGE PROGRAM, HIGHLINE PUBLIC SCHOOLS

The Challenge Program is designed for students entering grades 2 through 6 who are academically advanced or demonstrate high intellectual potential. Successful candidates are often independent learners who thrive on progressively challenging opportunities and utilize advanced problem-solving, in-depth study and presentation of curriculum matched to their demonstrated skills and capabilities. You may contact Rachel Klein at [student.advancement@highlineschools.org](mailto:student.advancement@highlineschools.org) or 206.631.3045 for more information about the program.

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### MESA (MATHEMATICS, ENGINEERING, AND SCIENCE ACHIEVEMENT)

MESA is a program through the University of Washington that offers classes, afterschool clubs, and summer programs that are focused on preparing girls and students from Native American, African American, and Latino descent for college and careers in Mathematics, Engineering and Science. More information about MESA programming can be found at [www.seattlemesa.org](http://www.seattlemesa.org) or by contacting Neiri Carrasco Director, at 206.616.9653.

### TAF (TECHNOLOGY ACCESS FOUNDATION)

The Technology Access Foundation is a Seattle based non-profit organization focused on preparing students of color to graduate high school on time, attend college to pursue degrees in Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics (STEM) fields, and enter the workforce ready to be leaders and innovators in a technology-driven world. Learn more about TAF programs at [www.techaccess.org](http://www.techaccess.org) or call the TAF office at the Bethaday Community Learning Space at 206-725-9095.

### COLLEGE SUCCESS FOUNDATION

The College Success Foundation is a non-profit organization committed to supporting underserved low income students in finishing high school and graduating from college. More information can be found at [www.collegesuccessfoundation.org](http://www.collegesuccessfoundation.org).

### LAKESIDE SUMMER SCHOOL AND LEEP PROGRAM

Lakeside School offers summer academic and enrichment classes to middle school students; applications are open to all and financial aid is available. More information is available at [www.lakesideschool.org](http://www.lakesideschool.org) (look for Summer Programs and LEEP under the "School Life" link) or call the Summer School Programs Office at: 206.440.2700. Applications for middle school programs close on June 1<sup>st</sup> and classes do fill up, so it is best to register as early as possible.

### SEATTLE NATIVITY SCHOOL

Seattle Navitvity School is a Catholic, Jesuit-endorsed, Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics (STEM) middle school serving students in grades 6-8 who qualify for the National School Lunch Program for free and reduced lunches based on income status. As a co-educational institution, Seattle Nativity School accepts 15-20 applications for the incoming 6<sup>th</sup> grade class; admission is not limited to Catholics or Christians. The school is part of the national network of Nativity-Miguel schools, committed to providing the model of an extended-day/extended-school year and Graduate Support Program in preparation for the rigors of college preparatory high schools and ultimately, universities. For more information and an Application for Admission, visit: [www.seattlenativity.org/admission.html](http://www.seattlenativity.org/admission.html) or contact Mr. Nelson, Principal: [enelson@seattlenativity.org](mailto:enelson@seattlenativity.org) or 206-494-4708 ext 705.

### BIG-BRAINED SUPERHEROES CLUB

A non-profit educational organization that taps into the hidden strengths that all young people have through science, technology, engineering, art and math (STEAM). [www.bigbrainedsuperheroes.org](http://www.bigbrainedsuperheroes.org)