

Penn-Harris-Madison
Fifth Grade High Ability Identification Process: Mathematics and Language Arts

Step 1: Continuation of Services

Students who have been previously identified and serviced as High Ability will continue with that identification. Previously identified students will not take the aptitude tests.

Step 2: NWEA Testing

Students will take the NWEA reading and/or math tests if they:

- attained a score of 50% or higher on the Acuity Readiness math test
- attained a score of 50% or higher on the Acuity Readiness reading test
- qualified through a parent nomination or teacher nomination

Previously identified students will take the NWEA tests for progress monitoring.

December-January

Step 3: Aptitude Testing

Students will take an off level aptitude test if they:

- attained a percentile score of 80% or higher on the NWEA math test
- attained a percentile score of 80% or higher on the NWEA reading test
- qualified through a parent nomination or teacher nomination
- Note-If a student scores in the 95%ile or higher on a NWEA test, they will be identified as high ability in that subject area based on achievement and will not take the aptitude test for that subject area.

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Step 4: Committee Identification

A committee will meet to examine the data and determine which students will be identified as high ability.

February-March

Step 5: R e v i e w P r o c e s s / P a r t i c i p a t i o n I n v i t a t i o n

Some 5th grade students will take the NWEA: MAP reading and/or math tests as requested by the selection committee.

A letter through the mail will notify the parents of the students who were identified as high ability students.

May

Step 6: Application Review/Decision

If a parent would like to appeal the decision that was made by the committee, they may complete an appeal application. They may also provide samples of their child's work. After these items are submitted to the principal of the school, the selection committee will meet to review the materials to determine whether the child qualifies.

May/June