



# PORTLAND PUBLIC SCHOOLS

## DEPARTMENT OF TALENTED AND GIFTED EDUCATION

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Dear Parent/Guardian,

Thank you for your interest in nominating your child for **PPS Talented and Gifted** services. According to Oregon Law 581-022-1310, an intellectually gifted or academically talented student is one who performs, or has the potential to perform, at or above the 97<sup>th</sup> percentile on a nationally normed assessment of cognitive ability or academic achievement. In addition, multiple criteria are used including social and behavioral data, academic history and classroom achievement. No single assessment is to be used as the sole determiner of identification.

### **MULTI- STEP PROCESS**

Identification and placement is a multi-step process. Advocacy is the first step of this process and includes a **Nomination/Permission Form** that both parents/guardians and teachers complete. The school team collects additional information such as student samples of work and other relevant data such as additional assessment scores.

The Department of Talented and Gifted Education manages the assessment schedules and administration with cooperation from the school.

Once all the data has been collected, the school team meets to review the information and then forwards their final decision to the TAG Department. Notification of the final decision and placement – “TAG”, “Does Not Qualify”, and/or “Potential,” is sent in writing to both the school and the parent from the Department of Talented and Gifted.

A child identified as “Potential” is one who has not met the 97<sup>th</sup> percentile assessment score requirement at this time, but demonstrates the potential to perform at high levels of achievement. Students identified as “Potential” will receive the same services as students who are identified have scored at the 97<sup>th</sup> percentile or higher.

### **NEXT STEP**

If you decide to pursue a nomination/identification for your child, Oregon law requires that we receive your written consent to assess/identify. Please sign the **Nomination/ Permission Form** and return it to your child’s teacher by **November 26, 2019**. Please note, because of the complex demand of scheduling, we will not accept late forms. If you have any questions, please contact your child’s school or TAG Facilitator. You may also visit our website at [www.pps.net/tag](http://www.pps.net/tag).