

Tacoma Public Schools
Highly Capable Programs

Highly Capable Programs Advisory Committee 2010-2011

Applications are due by October 22, 2010.

Tacoma Public Schools is accepting applications for the Highly Capable Programs Advisory Committee. Applicants should be knowledgeable, committed individuals who are interested in volunteering their time to the support of the district's highly capable program services. We are looking for members who represent several different roles in our district and community and reflect our diversity. Meetings will be a time to discuss and review the overall highly capable program, not individual students or personal concerns. The committee will meet regularly, which may be as frequently as on a monthly basis, to review features of the current program, including definition, design, goals, identification procedures, comprehensive services, curriculum options and an evaluation process. The meetings will last for approximately ninety minutes. Committee members will serve a term of two or three years.

The primary purpose of the committee will be to develop a definition that reflects current thinking in the field of gifted education and develop a plan using the agreed upon definition. The committee will study the literature on gifted education and reach a consensus on how highly capable students in Tacoma should best be served in accordance with best practice. They will investigate the issues of subject-specific giftedness, underachievement, and twice-exceptional students. They will examine urban school districts that have successfully negotiated racial and cultural barriers in their gifted programs.

While the committee will have no administrative policymaking authority, they will provide input to the superintendent and school board on the educational needs of all highly capable students, including appropriate and effective services for identified students. Committee members will be appointed by the Deputy Superintendent.

Tacoma Public Schools
Advisory Committee Representative Positions
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Highly Capable Programs Coordinator (Standing Member)

Position 1:

Elementary School Parent Representatives (Three year term)

Position 2: Geiger, Whittier, Wainwright, Delong, Reed, Whitman, Mann

Position 3: Larchmont, Fern Hill, Stafford, Birney, Edison, Arlington, Manitou Park

Position 4: Blix, McKinley, Lyon, Lister, Sheridan, Boze, Fawcett

Position 5: Franklin, McCarver, Stanley, Grant, NE Tacoma, Browns Point, Crescent Heights, Roosevelt

Position 6: Skyline, Jefferson, Downing, Pt. Defiance, Washington-Hoyt, Lowell, Bryant, Sherman

Middle School/High School Parent Representatives (Two year term)

Position 7: Giaudrone, Foss

Position 8: Gray, Baker, Mt. Tahoma

Position 9: First Creek, Stewart, Lincoln

Position 10: Jason Lee, Meeker, Stadium

Position 11: Truman, Mason, Wilson

Position 12: Oakland, SOTA, SAMI, Park Avenue

Elementary and Middle School Administration

Position 13: (Two year term)

Position 14: (Three year term)

Elementary and Middle School Teachers in Highly Capable Classrooms

Position 15: (Two year term)

Position 16: (Three year term)

Elementary and Middle School Teachers in General Education Classrooms

Position 17: (Two year term)

Position 18: (Three year term)

Community Workforce

Position 19: (Two year term)

Position 20: (Three year term)

Members at Large

Position 21: (Two year term)

Position 22: (Three year term)

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Name _____ Email Address _____

Address _____ City _____ State/Zip _____

Home Phone _____ Contact Phone _____

Please indicate the Advisory Position for which you are applying: Position _____

Children Attending Tacoma Public School _____

Please explain your life experiences and/or education that will influence your perspective as a member of this committee.

Please provide a brief statement explaining your interest in serving on this advisory committee.

I understand that my appointment is for a two or three year term. I understand that my attendance is required at meetings and that I am responsible for representing members of my community.

Applicant Signature

Date

Please return your completed application to: Connie Wick, Highly Capable Programs, Tacoma Public Schools, 601 South 8th Street, Tacoma, WA 98401, or cwick@tacoma.k12.wa.us, or fax it to 253.571.1203.