

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.



December

Step 2: Whole Class Assessment

Most of the students will take the Cognitive Abilities Test which is an aptitude test. Students will take the verbal and quantitative tests. The only students that won't take the aptitude tests are the students that were previously identified as high ability.



February

Step 2: Achievement Testing

Students will take the NWEA test or tests if they:

- attained a percentile score of 70%ile or higher on the CogAT quantitative test
- attained a percentile score of 70%ile or higher on the CogAT verbal test
- qualified through a teacher nomination
- were previously identified as high ability (We are progress monitoring these students.)

Note-If a student scores in the 95%ile or higher on a CogAT test, they will be identified as high ability in that subject area based on aptitude and will not take the achievement test for that subject area unless the middle schools are requesting NWEA scores for these students.



April

Step 3: Committee Identification

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



April

Step 4: Participation and Invitation

A letter will be sent to the parents of the students who were identified as high ability students.



May

Step 5: Application Review/Decision

If parents 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 further NWEA testing is needed. The due date for parent appeals will be posted on the PHM-High Ability webpage in April.