

Referral for Gifted Services Deadline

Families who would like to refer their child for gifted services may submit a referral form by Friday, April 16th. Referral forms can be found on the APS Gifted Services website in the [eligibility section](#). All forms should be emailed directly to Megan Detweiler megan.detweiler@apsva.us. Families may also find more information in the [updated FAQ section](#). If your child has been previously identified as gifted in APS, their identification stays with them through high school. There is no need to resubmit any paperwork of any kind.

Universal Screener Planned

A universal screener/ability assessment is planned in April for multiple grade levels as outlined below:

- middle school students who are new to APS in grades 6-7
- grade 8 administration is optional for schools

Students previously tested in APS or those who have an existing abilities test from a previous school will not be tested. Students who have a benchmark score of 120 on the Cognitive Abilities Test (CogAT) or higher will be automatically screened for gifted services.

Once CogAT schedules are finalized, school will notify families of assessment dates. In addition to the CogAT we will use yearlong student portfolios/work samples and teacher observations to assess whether students show advanced potential and ability.

[Per VDOE gifted regulations](#) 8 VAC 20-40-40, if a referral is received, an ability assessment will be scheduled so that the student may go through the screening process. Your school will be in touch by the end of April with more information on how the screener will be administered keeping in mind COVID guidelines.

Virtual Summer Enrichment Program through William and Mary's Center for Gifted Education

William & Mary's SEP is an academically challenging program with an emphasis on inquiry-based learning for students. The program is not meant to replace the regular school curriculum; rather, it recognizes the importance of allowing able children to explore additional specialized areas of science, mathematics, humanities, and the arts. [Click for More Information](#).

*Summer 2021 SEP registration is now open for high ability students in grades 2-12. William & Mary's Center for Gifted Education is excited to offer 2 weeks of virtual opportunities with courses available in the morning and afternoon each week. We have virtual courses available in the areas of **robotics, civics, STEM, coding, writing, social science, and many more**. Please see our [Summer 2021](#) brochure for more information.*

Johns Hopkins Pre-College Programs

Enjoy your Summer Intensive curriculum via interactive and flexibly designed online offerings. Your self-paced program is primarily delivered asynchronously; however, your instructor may schedule live interactions as well. Your syllabus should highlight these opportunities and other important program deadlines. Expect to spend approximately 15 hours-per-week toward the completion of your program. [Click for more information.](#)