



## Cascadia Info Sheet 2024

Check out the last page of this info sheet for the schedule of upcoming prospective parent events the school is offering (remote and in-person options).

### **CASCADIA ELEMENTARY AND THE HIGHLY CAPABLE COHORT (HCC) PROGRAM**

- Cascadia will be welcoming students entering Grade 2 - 5 for the 2024/25 school year into the Highly Capable Cohort (HCC) program.
- Students who enter into an HCC cohort will be able to finish in the HCC program at Cascadia (i.e., they will be able to graduate from Grade 5 at Cascadia under the HCC program).
- Students can join the HCC program at any grade level (e.g., 2, 3, 4, or 5).
- Cascadia offers Math 2 years above grade level.
- Cascadia offers English Language Arts 1 year above grade level.
- Graduating from an SPS HCC school (e.g., Cascadia or Decatur) is the only way to be learning Math 2 years above grade level in middle/high school.
  - The district no longer allows kids to accelerate in middle school by testing in.
  - The district is allowing kids who attend their neighborhood school to advance 1 year in middle school ONLY. There is no more testing-in based on ability.
- Cascadia is expecting to welcome neighborhood students in the lower grades for the 2025/26 school year but nothing is certain. But the HCC cohort model will remain for those who are in it, until they graduate.

### **SCHOOL PROGRAMS, SUPPORT, AND A STRONG SENSE OF COMMUNITY**

- Cascadia offers music, PE, choir, art, a gardening program, an iLab program (a tinkering/STEM program), newspaper club, weekly library class, technology skills education in a computer lab, and selected affinity groups.
- Cascadia provides a math Interventionist to ensure all students are supported in the math acceleration.
- Cascadia hosts events throughout the school year such as Spelling Bee, Science and Engineering Night, Culture Night, and participates in the Global Reading Challenge.
- Cascadia organizes meetups to welcome incoming and returning students over the summer break.
- Cascadia offers a robust after-school enrichment program, including coding, Orlov's Chess, and more.
- Busing is available for students. Route assignments are issued late August.

### **HOW TO APPLY TO CASCADIA**

- Log in to your student's The Source account beginning **February 3, 2024.** **They should post by Feb 6, 2024.** Select the Advanced Learning tab (bottom left side of account) and look for an 'eligibility letter'. The Cascadia PTA understands these letters will also be emailed to parents.
- **\*\*\*Families only have until Feb 20, 2024\*\***, to appeal a student's eligibility decision. Appeal if your child hasn't been designed HC and you think a mistake has been made.
- Consent to your child receiving HC services by March 29, 2024.
- Submit a [school choice form](#) by May 31, 2024 and select Cascadia. **\*\*\* opt in as soon as you can/double check the deadline with SPS.\*\*\***
- Email any questions to Advanced Learning at [advlearn@seattleschools.org](mailto:advlearn@seattleschools.org)

## **ELIGIBILITY AND APPEALS TIMELINE 2023-24**

### **February 3-6, 2024**

Eligibility decision letters are available in The Source.

### **February 6-20, 2024**

Families can submit an appeal for 1st-8th grade students.

### **February 20-27, 2024**

The MSC will review each appeal and provide a written decision to the parent/guardian within 25 school days of the receipt of the appeal form and all documentation/proof.

### **February 29, 2024**

Appeal final eligibility decision letters are sent to families.

### **March 1-29, 2024**

Parents provide consent for Highly Capable services.

### **May 31, 2024**

\*\*\*double check this deadline with the district/do not delay/opt in as soon as you can.\*\*\*

( [advlearn@seattleschools.org](mailto:advlearn@seattleschools.org) )

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## Schedule of Upcoming Prospective Parent Events

### 1. Prospective Family Night

- February 29 at 6-7:30 p.m.

You do not need to sign up for RSVP for this evening event. For Feb 29th, the event will start at 6pm with a presentation in the gym (approx 40 min), and then you will be able to tour the building, including the ilab, art and music rooms and grade level classrooms.

### 2. Student Led School Tours

- February 6 at 9 a.m.-2 p.m.
- February 15 at 9 a.m.-2 p.m.
- February 27 at 9 a.m.-2 p.m.
- March 5 at 9 a.m.-2 p.m.

Check out <https://cascadiaes.seattleschools.org/news/school-tours/> to sign up for the student led tours happening during the day on the 6th and 15th.

### 3. PTA Zoom Coffees

Does online work better for you then in-person? Then join us for one of our zoom sessions. Bring your questions! QR Code sign-up and schedule below.



#### **February**

Tuesday Feb 27<sup>th</sup> @11am

#### **March**

Tuesday March 5 @ 7pm

Wednesday March 13 @ 11am

Monday March 18 @7pm

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**April**

Tuesday April 2 @7pm

Tuesday April 16 @11am

Questions? Email [vicepresident@ascadiapta.org](mailto:vicepresident@ascadiapta.org)

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