



Cascadia Info Sheet 2025

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 new students entering for the 2025/26 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 offered at Cascadia.*
- Cascadia offers Math 2 years above grade level.
- Cascadia offers English Language Arts 1 year above grade level. The ELA curriculum also offers enrichment in many forms such as Mensa poetry, Caesar's English and cursive writing instruction.
- 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.

*Currently Cascadia offers grades 2-5; we are waiting for a definitive plan from the district on the grades that will be offered next year but we believe it may be 3-5. Even as a 3-5 school, Cascadia will be quite large - over 400 students.

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.

Schedule of Upcoming Prospective Parent Events

1. Prospective Family Night

- January 30 at 6-7:30pm
- February 25 at 6-7:30 p.m.

You do not need to sign up for RSVP for these evening events. For Jan 30th, the event will start at 6pm with a presentation and Q&A in the gym (approx 40 min), after which you will be able to independently tour the building - there will be a staffed classroom in each grade level wing and all of the specialist classrooms will be open for viewing (ilab, art and music rooms). There will be PTA volunteers present if you have any questions. For Feb 25th, the event will start at 6pm with a presentation and Q&A in the gym (approx 40 min), and then there will be current student/parent-led tours through the building, including the ilab, art and music rooms and grade level classrooms.

2. Student Led School Tours

- February 4 at 9 a.m.-2 p.m.
- February 13 at 9 a.m.-2 p.m.
- February 25 at 9 a.m.-2 p.m.
- March 4 at 9 a.m.-2 p.m.

Sign up for a tour here:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0E4FADA728A7FAC07-54246897-student#>

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Note, these tours are meant for families with current elementary age children identified as HC.

3. PTA Zoom Coffees

Does online work better for you then in-person? Then join us for one of our zoom sessions. Sign up here:

[https://www.signupgenius.com/go/20F0D4DAEA72BA6F58-54319798-cascadia#/
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February

Feb 7th @ 10am

Thursday Feb 27th @ 7pm

March

Friday March 6 @ 10am

Thursday March 13 @ 11am

Wednesday March 19 @ 7pm

April

Tuesday April 8 @10am

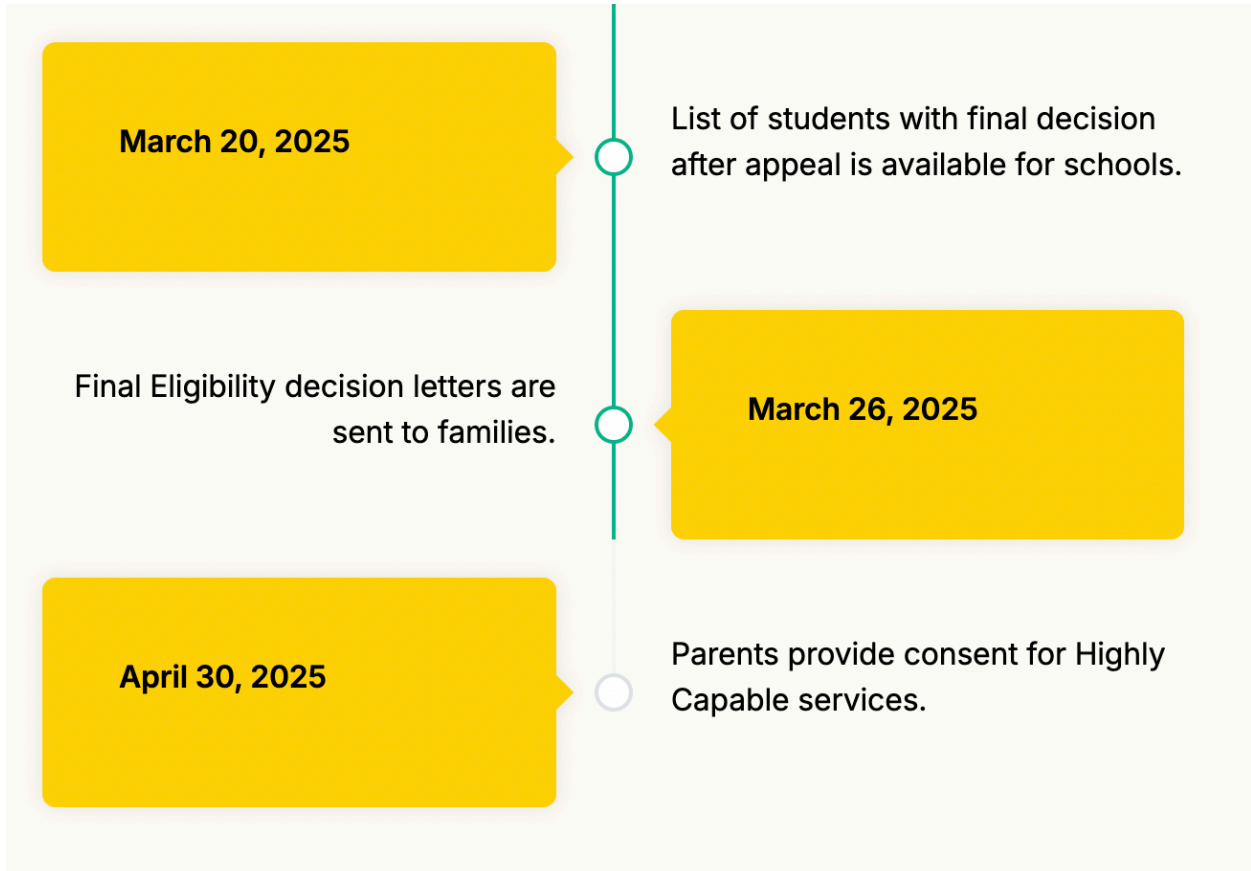
Monday April 21 @7pm

Questions? Email president@cascadiapta.org

HOW TO APPLY TO CASCADIA

- The district has posted a timeline on the [Identification and Eligibility page](#) under Advanced Learning. This includes when new HC identifications will be sent to parents and how to opt into Cascadia and Decatur for next year***. We have included the graphic from the website below:





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<https://www.seattleschools.org/departments/advanced-learning/identification-and-eligibility/>

Email any questions to Advanced Learning at advlearn@seattleschools.org

***you also must opt-in for your student to come to Cascadia: this means you must fill out a school choice form selecting Cascadia. SPS's open enrollment season began Feb. 2, 2025 and ends May 31 2025. We believe you have until the end of May to fill out this school choice form selecting Cascadia but we are not sure- you should email advlearn@seattleschools.org to confirm the deadline. And the earlier you fill out this form the better for Cascadia to plan for staffing next year.