

*Building Bridges to the Future*

Dear Parents and Guardians of First Grade Students,

The Riverview School District identifies Highly Capable (HiCap) students and provides a continuum of services to students who qualify in grades K-12. The continuum of services is fluid and dynamic as we work to be responsive to identified student needs and state funding for the program services. Options in our service may include the following: accelerated learning in content areas; curriculum compacting; differentiated instruction; academic content area grouping arrangements to serve identified needs; self-contained classrooms; Honors courses; AP courses; and Independent Study.

The Program for the Academically Talented (PAT) is designed to identify and provide a continuum of services to meet the needs of qualified students in grades 2-5 who possess the:

- Capacity to learn with unusual depth of understanding, to retain what has been learned, and to transfer learning to new situations;
- Capacity and willingness to deal with increasing levels of abstraction and complexity earlier than their chronological peers;
- Ability to make unusual connections among ideas and concepts;
- Ability to learn quickly in their area(s) of intellectual strength; and
- Capacity for intense concentration and/or focus.

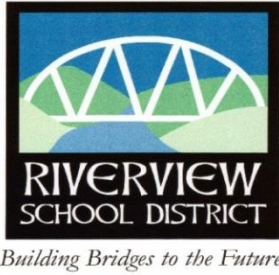
**All first grade students are screened yearly to determine eligibility for further assessment for HiCap qualification and/or entrance into the PAT program. As such, there is no need to nominate current first graders. Screening of first grade students will occur during April and May this year. Parents and guardians will be notified if their child qualifies for further testing.**

**If you would like to opt out of this screening, please complete and return the Opt-Out form (which follows this letter) before April 1. Instructions for returning the form are included on the Opt-Out form.**

If you have questions, please visit the [Accelerated Learning Programs/Highly Capable Programs](#) page on the Riverview School District website. You can also contact Kristin Edlund, Assistant Director of Teaching and Learning, via the contact information below.

Sincerely,

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## Riverview School District

### Highly Capable/PAT Identification

#### 1<sup>st</sup> Grade CogAT Screener Opt Out

I/we do not want my/our child \_\_\_\_\_ to participate in the upcoming CogAT screening. I/we understand that these assessments are a part of the required criteria used to determine qualification for Highly Capable and/or Program for the Academically Talented.

Reason: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
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School: \_\_\_\_\_ Teacher: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
Parent/guardian signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

Please return this form to your child's school office, your child's teacher, or to Kristin Edlund prior to April 1. You may send it to the address listed below, or you may email a photo or scanned copy to [edlundk@rsd407.org](mailto:edlundk@rsd407.org).

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