

## **Highly Capable Program**

### **APPEAL PROCESS OVERVIEW**

#### **My child did not qualify for the Highly Capable Program**

If your student did not qualify as gifted for the Highly Capable Program, you do have the option to appeal the decision. Most families with lower-than-expected performance data scores do not appeal. If your child is doing well in school and is enjoying and thriving in his/her current experience, you probably should not appeal. If however, you believe your child's performance is in the very superior range in comparison to peers, you may want to consider making an appeal.

At this point, your student's data has been reviewed at his/her current grade. We are looking for students who have the highest need for differentiated instruction in a gifted program. The iReady and SBA are nationally recognized tests used by many districts to determine if a child is highly capable.

Appeals are valid only in the same school year your student is currently registered. In order to support the appeal process, compelling supportive evidence beyond the assessment scores is needed. We welcome additional evidence brought forth by the family.

At the elementary and middle school level, you may also choose to wait and have your student tested the following year.

Appeal forms are available upon request. Please contact Tracy Vining, Highly Capable Coordinator, [tvining@kfschools.org](mailto:tvining@kfschools.org) or 509-738-6014 if you have any questions regarding the appeal process.

All appeals must reach Kettle Falls School District prior to 14 days after your receipt of the results. You will receive a letter from Kettle Falls School District with the Hi-Cap Team's decision regarding your student's appeal within 35 days. The Hi-Cap Selection Committee's appeal decision is final.