



QUINCY PUBLIC SCHOOLS

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Dear Parents/Guardians of 4th grade students:

Quincy Public Schools offers a variety of educational experiences appropriate to the needs of all children, including those who are academically talented or show signs of giftedness. Our Elementary Laboratory Center (ELC) gives identified Grade 5 students an enrichment program designed to broaden and deepen their academic experience.

ELC is a one-day-per week, pull-out program that takes students through an accelerated curriculum emphasizing independent research skills, collaborative learning strategies, and high levels of discourse. Quincy Public Schools identifies students who may qualify for the ELC using the following criterion:

- Placement in the top 20% of Grade 4 students District-wide based upon a combined score on the MCAS ELA and Mathematics Assessment.

Students identified using the above criterion, will receive a letter on or before **March 9th** to let them know that they will need parent permission to go to the next step of the screening process. These identified students will take the **CTP (Comprehensive Testing Program) test**.

If your child is not eligible for this program, be assured that our teachers address the needs of *all* students through differentiated instruction, tiered lessons and flexible grouping.

To learn more about the ELC program or if you have questions regarding the ELC screening process, please look on the QPS website: www.quincypublicschools.com or contact: Erin Perkins, Director of Special Education, either by phone, at 617-984-8712 or via email at erinperkins@quincypublicschools.com.

Sincerely,

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