



# QUINCY PUBLIC SCHOOLS

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Dear Parents/Guardians of 4<sup>th</sup> grade students:

Quincy Public Schools offers a variety of educational experiences appropriate to the needs of all children, including those who show signs of higher than expected academic talent and cognitive reasoning. Our Advanced Placement Program (APP) gives identified students an opportunity to participate in the Grade 5 advanced program designed to broaden and deepen their academic experience.

APP 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 Advanced Placement Program 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 8<sup>th</sup> 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 **Comprehensive Testing Program (CTP)**.

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 APP program or if you have questions regarding the APP screening process, please look on the QPS website: [www.quincypublicschools.com](http://www.quincypublicschools.com) or contact Erin Perkins, Director of Special Education, either by phone, at 617-984-8743 or via email at [erinperkins@quincypublicschools.com](mailto:erinperkins@quincypublicschools.com).

Sincerely,

Erin J. Perkins, Director of Special Education