



Homeschool - Elementary Discovery Program Application

All application online forms and documents must be completed and received by **November 22, 2019**

Please complete and submit all information for each applicant. Only complete applications will be considered. An application will not be considered complete until all required forms and documents are received. It is the responsibility of the parent/guardian to ensure that the application is submitted and complete.

Parent - Required online forms to be filled out and submitted:

1. [Student/Family/School Information Form](#)
1. Parent Rating Form - This will be sent directly to your email once the Student/Family/School Information Form has been submitted
2. [Student Questionnaire](#)

Required documents to be emailed to christina.levesque@dcsdk12.org:

Several of the required materials for applying to the Discovery Program need special provision for students who are homeschooled. In order to provide all students the ability to demonstrate a need for intensive gifted programming in the Discovery Program, please follow the guidance below:

3. Online Teacher Rating Form & Report Card:

Parent/guardian must select a qualified person, not related to the student, to evaluate the student's grade level progress. Any expenses incurred for this evaluation will be the responsibility of the parent/guardian.

A qualified person is: 1) a certified teacher, 2) a teacher who is employed by an independent or parochial school, 3) a licensed psychologist, or 4) a person with a graduate degree in education.

See guidelines below for this qualified evaluator.

4. Achievement Data:

Students who have reached grade three or above should submit results of the Iowa Test of Basic Skills (ITBS) (or similar nationally normed instrument) achievement test.

Guidelines for Qualified Evaluator Assessment:

Use DRA-2 or similar reading assessment to determine performance level. (Attach protocol and student results to Teacher Rating Form.)



Use Douglas County Homeschool District guidelines for evaluation of math achievement. (Attach protocol to Teacher Rating Form.)

Use an age appropriate writing prompt to determine the student's writing performance, and score using a research based grade level rubric to evaluate. The student writing sample must be included with the application.

Complete Behavioral Characteristics portion as best you can as you work with the student on the above assessments.

5. Performance:

Homeschool work completed at the high school or advanced level must be done through an accredited program. (Check with the Douglas County School District Homeschool Office for clarification.)