

Applying for my child to attend an opportunity class or selective high school



Gaining placement in an opportunity class or selective high school creates a unique opportunity for your child.

Why selective education?

- When high potential and gifted children are challenged, they usually experience higher levels of engagement and performance.
- Selective education is one of many pathways to seek this challenge, and not all high potential and gifted children will find an opportunity class or selective high school suitable for them.
- Some high potential and gifted children may have their ability masked and may flourish in selective education settings.

What are some characteristics of high potential and gifted children?



Learn quickly and easily



Highly motivated



Ask complex questions



Good memory



Curious and creative



Love exploring passions

| How can I support my child throughout the application process?



Talk to your child about the benefits and challenges of selective education and address their questions and concerns.



Ask your child's teacher (or other staff who know them well) whether they think selective education will be a good fit for your child.



Apply for any required reasonable adjustments for disability or medical conditions.



Encourage your child to access the test preparation materials provided by the department.



Remind your child they only need to do a small amount of preparation for the placement test, and don't need coaching.



Support your child to continue extracurricular activities, see friends, eat healthily and sleep well in the lead-up to the test.

Public Education Foundation scholarships offer financial support to help young people at NSW public schools to access opportunities and reach their potential.



The **Equity Placement Model** reserves up to 20% of places in opportunity classes and selective high schools for high potential and gifted:

- Students from low socio-educational advantage backgrounds
- Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander students
- Students from rural and remote locations
- Students with disability.

High potential and gifted students from these groups are encouraged to apply.