

Initiating a Sage Referral As a Parent

The Framingham Public Schools provide Sage pullout services for gifted students who collectively demonstrate a high academic ability, an abstract thinking preference, and a divergent learning style. The social-emotional and self-advocacy needs that impact motivation, style and learning are an important component of this service.

Not all advanced students who require curriculum modifications (differentiation) to accommodate appropriate annual progress need to participate in this pullout service. Classroom teachers may consult with Sage Department personnel for support with concerns of curriculum content and pacing for the academically advanced within the classroom setting.

The intent of the screening is to determine if Sage services are warranted and whether the service will be provided to the student through the classroom teachers and/or directly to the student in pullout classes.

If parents of students in grades 1-7 wish to initiate a referral, they should:

- Obtain the necessary referral packet by one of the following options:
 - Requesting a referral packet by phone call to the Sage Office (508-626-9134); or
 - Downloading a referral packet online at (http://www.framingham.k12.ma.us/gifted_talented_programming.cfm).
- Return the completed referral packet, including signed permissions to:
Sage Department
Walsh Middle School
301 Brook Street
Framingham, MA 01701

Referrals of students in Grades 1 – 7 may be submitted up through January 13, 2011 and will be conducted in order of receipt of completed referral packet and signed parent permissions.