



**Chariho Regional School District**  
**CHARIHO REGIONAL MIDDLE SCHOOL**  
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**All Kids...All of the Time**

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Dear Parents and Guardians of Grade 5 Chariho Students:

Chariho Middle School recognizes that there are highly capable students in our school who would benefit from a challenging, project-based learning experience. The purpose of this program is to challenge these students in a group setting, and further develop their research and leadership skills. Library media specialists, who are skilled at teaching information literacy and life-long learning skills, facilitate this experience.

Grade 5 students chosen for the program will participate in the 2011-2012 academic year starting February 2, 2011 continuing until June 7, 2012. Participating students will be pulled out of their English/Language Arts classes three times per week.

Interested students must submit an application packet to the school no later than Tuesday, December 20, 2011. There is one application period per year. Parents of students who will be participating in the program will be notified by January 26, 2012. Students will be selected on the basis of their completed application packet, academic grades, NECAP scores, RTI measures, and teacher referral.

If you would like your child to be considered for the Program for Highly Capable Students, either A) complete the Parent Referral Form (opposite side) or B) have your child type one paragraph explaining why they want to participate in the Highly Capable Program. **Send the completed Parent Referral Form or typed essay to Kristen Danusis, Office of the Principal no later than Tuesday, December 20. Late submissions will not be considered.**

For additional information about the Program for Highly Capable Students, please visit <http://www.chariho.k12.ri.us/cmshighcap>. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

Mrs. Kristen Danusis  
Assistant Principal, Chariho Middle School  
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## Chariho Middle School Hi-C and VHS Parent Referral Form

Student Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Grade: \_\_\_\_\_ Team: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent's Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

The following questions are intended to determine whether this child fits the criteria for participation. Please answer the questions as completely as possible. **Please limit this form to one page – attachments will not be considered.**

Intellectual Ability	Less than	Like others	More than	Much more	Examples
Speaks like an adult, uses advanced vocabulary					
Knows a lot about many topics					
Uses new ideas in different situations					
Learns quickly with little practice					
Has the ability to see cause and effect					
Shows skill in judging or evaluating new situations					
Can imagine self in a situation where s/he has no personal experience					
Shows great curiosity; asks questions with no simple answers					
Has exceptional memory					
Notices similarities, differences, and patterns in the world					
Loves books, reading, and/or other academics					
Is very observant, notices details					
Understands things that are very complicated					
Enjoys talking with adults					