



## School Nomination FAQ

### A. School Coordinator

**1 What is the difference between “yearly school” and “Nurturing the Gifted” nominations?**

For yearly school nomination, the HKAGE invites secondary schools to nominate their students with outstanding performance or potential in Humanities, Leadership, Mathematics or Sciences to join the HKAGE. Through introducing the “Nurturing the Gifted” nomination, students who perform well in local or international competitions are invited to become HKAGE members so that gifted students can be nominated through a broader number of channels.

“Nurturing the Gifted” nomination” will **NOT** affect the quota for the yearly nomination.

**2 Are there any differences between Yearly school nomination and “Nurturing the Gifted” nomination in the selecting of nominated students?**

Students from the “yearly nomination” route will be invited to attend the screening activities for their relevant domains – such as written tests or group interviews etc. For the “Nurturing the Gifted” route, The independent Professional External Selection Board of the HKAGE will review the information submitted by nominees and they will be interviewed by the Board only if it is considered necessary.

**3 How many students can be nominated by each school ?**

Each school may nominate up to ten S1 to S7 students with outstanding performance/great potential in Humanities, Leadership, Mathematics or Sciences to join the HKAGE. (\*not more than 3 for a single domain)

**4 Can my school nominate more than 10 students?**

Yes. For details, please refer to the ‘Guidelines for Nomination’.

**5 Are there any differences between the 10 nominees and other nominees?**

No. The HKAGE considers every nominee on a fair and individual basis. All nominees, regardless of how they are nominated, enjoy the same status and will be undergoing the same selection process. Their chance of being accepted is equal.

- 6 My school is going to nominate 15 students and all of them are very close in quality. Is it possible for me not to put 5 of them as extra nomination so as not to affect their chance of being admitted?**

No. They will be considered on a fair and individual basis. All nominees enjoy the same status and will undergo the same selection process.

- 7 How does the HKAGE select its student members with such a wide age gap?**

We understand that S1 and S7 students are at different levels. We have different assessment criteria, with reference to their study levels, for each age group. We also recognize that gifted students have a cognitive age in advance of their chronological age.

- 8 When will my school know the selection results?**

Early December.

- 9 How can I help the students who are not accepted?**

We encourage students who are not accepted as our student members on this occasion to keep up the good work. These students can be nominated next time.

**B. Nominating Teacher(s)**

- 1 My student is bright in many aspects, which domain should I nominate him/her to?**

When teachers nominate students, they are advised to consider not only the students' abilities or potentials but also their particular interest. We are looking for students who are bright as well as highly motivated.

- 2 Can I nominate a science student under Humanities domain?**

Teachers are welcome to nominate science students with outstanding performance or high potential in Humanities in order to nurture and develop their potential and talents in boarder areas of learning.

- 3 Humanities is a big subject, which areas should I focus on?**

Before nomination, teachers can study the Humanities programmes provided by the HKAGE as a reference for understanding to see if the programmes are appropriate to help nurture and develop their students' talents. We aim to add more programmes in the coming year.

- 4 What are the language requirements?**

Our programmes require student members to attain a high level of language presentation and comprehension skills. They must be high achievers in listening, reading and comprehension.

**5 Should the nomination be approved by the parents before submission?**

The HKAGE aims to provide an additional platform for home-school cooperation to enhance communication and collaboration among teachers, parents and gifted students. Teachers are recommended to seek approval from the parents before nomination.

**C. Parents**

**1 How can I facilitate my child if he/she is nominated by school?**

The HKAGE appreciates parental co-operation and engagement. Parents can discuss with their children about the programmes as well as topics that interest them and help them make choices. Additionally, parents can help balance their children busy schedules so that they can attend our courses free of other pressures.

**2 My child has never done any IQ test before, does it affect his/her chance to be admitted?**

The HKAGE admits its student members with reference to various data and information. An IQ test is just one item of information. School and extra curricular activity performance is also a key factor for consideration. Many of the HKAGE student members have outstanding school and extra curricular activity performance but have never taken any IQ tests.

**3 My child is a twice exceptional gifted student with special learning needs, should I apply for the membership? How does the HKAGE cater for him/her?**

The HKAGE considers every nominee on a fair and individual basis. In order to better understand applications from students with special learning needs we ask that schools submit Individual Education Plans (IEPs) where these exist. Otherwise please provide some evidence of the nature of the student's learning disability and how the school is catering for it. We cater for these students by:

- assigning special officers to ensure that support is given; and
- providing training programmes for service providers on how to take care of students with special learning needs.

**4 My child is active in extra curricular activities with outstanding performance levels. Can I ask other organisations to be nominating parties?**

No. School teachers are professionally trained. They are believed to be able to identify gifted students at schools and provide systematic and

comprehensive support to students. However, we would appreciate if parents include recommendations as a supporting evidence so that we can have a better understanding of your child.

**5 Besides school nomination, is there any other way to apply for the membership of the HKAGE?**

The HKAGE recruits its student members through various channels. Besides yearly school nomination, we have 'Nurturing the Gifted' nomination which is targeted on students with outstanding performance in local or international competitions.

**6 How much does the HKAGE charge for its programmes? When and where do the programmes usually take place?**

All student programmes and services are free of charge except camps and certain specified activities. Most of them are held on weekends or school holidays.

**D. Students**

**1 What is the selection activity?**

Different domains have different selection activities. Group interviews are used for selecting students under the Leadership domain while standardised tests are used for Humanities, Leadership and Sciences domains. The aim of the selection activities is to have a thorough understanding of students' abilities in relative domains.

**2 How should I prepare for the selection activity?**

There is no need for special preparation. Just try your best!

**3 If I am admitted as a student member, how can I enroll in the programmes I am interested in?**

Information on the training programmes will be announced mainly on the HKAGE website. Student members, parents and teachers are advised to regularly read the information and apply for appropriate activities according to their time, interests and needs.

**4 Do student members need to renew their membership every year?**

When a student is accepted as a member, the membership status continues for his/her entire secondary school life. He/she can enjoy our services and **NEED NOT** renew the membership every year.

**5 If I am nominated in 2 domains, do I have to take 2 selection activities?**

Yes.