

Highly Capable Programs

In order to develop the special abilities of each student, the district will offer a highly capable program that provides kindergarten through twelfth grade students who are selected for the program with access to basic education programs that accelerate learning and enhance instruction. The framework for such programs will encompass, but not be limited to, the following objectives:

- A. Expansion of academic attainments and intellectual skills;
- B. Stimulation of intellectual curiosity, independence, and responsibility;
- C. Development of a positive attitude toward self and others; and
- D. Development of originality and creativity.

The board will annually approve the district's highly capable plan including: the number of students the district expects to serve by grade level; the district's plan to identify students; a description of the highly capable program goals; a description of the services the program will offer; an instructional program description; a description of ongoing professional development for highly capable program and general education staff; program evaluation and fiscal report; and assurances that the district is legally compliant.

The superintendent will establish procedures consistent with state guidelines for referral, assessment, and selection of children of demonstrated achievement or potential ability in terms of general intellectual ability, academic aptitude, and creative or productive thinking. Special efforts will be made to increase identification and selection of qualifying students from typically underserved populations including low income, English learners, and diverse ethnic groups.

Cross References

0600 – Race and Equity

Legal References

RCW 28A.185.030 Programs – Authority of Local School Districts – Selection of Students
WAC 392-170 Special service program – Highly Capable Students

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