

## HIGHLY CAPABLE PROGRAMS

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

- 1. A. — Expansion of academic attainments and intellectual skills;
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- 2. B. — Stimulation of intellectual curiosity, independence, and responsibility;
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- 3. C. — Development of a positive attitude toward self and others; and
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- 4. 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~~nomination, assessment, and selection of children of demonstrated achievement or potential ability in terms of general intellectual ability, academic aptitude, and creative or productive thinking. These include prioritizing equitable identification of low-income students; use of multiple objective criteria and multiple pathways for identification; use of local norms, unless more restrictive than national norms; use of subjective measures only to support identification; and use of screening and assessment in the student's native language (if available) or nonverbal assessment ~~and creative or productive thinking.~~

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| Legal References:     | RCW 28A.185.030  | Programs — Authority of local school districts — Selection of students |
|                       | WAC 392-170  | Special service program — Highly capable students                      |
| Management Resources: | 2018 - August Issue<br>2013 - September Issue<br>Policy News, April 2008 Highly Capable Programs |  |

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