



CENTRALIA SCHOOL DISTRICT BOARD POLICY #2190 HIGHLY CAPABLE PROGRAMS

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

- A. Expansion of academic attainments, including supplemental initiatives toward statewide learning goals, 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 program application which describes the number of students served 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 shall 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. 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.

Legal References: [RCW 28A.185.030](#)
 [WAC 392-170](#)

Programs — Authority of local school districts — Selection of students
Special service program — Highly capable students

Management Resources:

Policy and Legal News, September 2013
Policy News, April 2008

Highly Capable Program WAC overhauled
Highly Capable Programs

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