Highly Capable Program

In order to develop the special abilities of each student, the district will offer appropriate instructional programs to meet the needs of highly capable students of school age. The program will encompass, but not be limited to, the following objectives:

A. Active identification and inclusion of students with a goal of reflecting the diversity of the district;
B. Expansion of academic attainments and intellectual skills;
C. Stimulation of intellectual curiosity, independence and responsibility;
D. Development of a positive attitude toward self and others; and
E. Development of originality and creativity.

The board will annually approve the district’s highly capable application including: the number of students served by grade level; the district’s plan to identify students; program services; an instructional program description; professional development; program evaluation and fiscal report; performance report; and assurances that the district is legally compliant.

The superintendent will establish procedures consistent with state guidelines to implement this policy.

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:
Policy News, April 2008 Highly Capable Programs

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