



Charge for the Highly Capable Program Recommendation Committee (HCC)

1. Overview: The Board of Education (BOE) directs the Superintendent to establish a “Highly Capable Program Recommendation Committee (HCC),” comprised of 10 parents (4 elementary school, 4 middle school and 2 high school parents of identified highly capable students), 3 teachers (1 elementary, 1 middle and 1 high school teacher who currently provide highly capable instruction/programming), 1 elementary principal, 1 middle school principal, 1 high school administrator, 1 representative from Thrive, 1 School Board Member (non-voting), the Executive Director for Teaching and Learning, the Assistant Superintendent, and the Superintendent.

2. Type of Committee: Board sub-committee, reporting to the Board of Education (BOE).

3. Charge: Walla Walla Public School’s Board of Education requests the HCC to complete the work necessary to provide Kindergarten through twelfth grade program recommendation to the BOE on May 2, 2017, to be considered for implementation beginning the 2017-18 school year. The Committee is tasked with the following charge:

- Review the history of the Highly Capable Program in WWPS
- Review applicable state and federal laws, requirements, and mandates associated with highly capable programs
- Review the current model being offered in Walla Walla Public Schools
- Review the outcomes, findings, and recommendations from the 2015-16 outside consultant and committee work
- Perform additional study and research as may be required
- Provide multiple opportunities for parent, stakeholder, and staff input to inform program recommendation

The BOE charges the committee to use the following criteria in developing its recommendation. The committee’s recommendation: Must,

- be financially sustainable and programmatically feasible
- be research-based to best support the needs of highly capable students
- provide a scaffold program, supporting KG-12th grade alignment

4. Authority: The committee will have no independent authority to obligate district funds. The committee is empowered to provide a recommendation to the BOE for consideration and implementation beginning the 2017-18 school year.

5. Staff Cooperation: The committee will work directly with the Assistant Superintendent, Executive Director for Teaching and Learning and Superintendent who will ensure necessary resources and personnel are made available to the committee.

6. Duration of Charge: The committee will convene in the month of September and meet regularly in order to fulfill its recommendation obligation by May 2, 2017. The committee is scheduled to meet on the following days from 4:30-6:00pm at the District Office: September 29, October 13, November 22, January 18, February 23, March 23 and April 27.

7. Parent Committee Appointments: Parent appointments will be made by the Assistant Superintendent, stemming from applications received by committee member requestors. Parent applications for membership will be available at each school site and are to be submitted to the District Office no later than 4pm on Friday, September 23, 2016. Members will be notified no later than 4pm on Tuesday, September 27 of their application status. Should a member resign, or a replacement become necessary, a substitute may be appointed by the Assistant Superintendent from the pool of initial applicants.