

Walla Walla Public Schools

BOARD POLICY

Policy No. 2190

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HIGHLY CAPABLE PROGRAMS

In order to develop the abilities of highly capable identified students, the district will offer programming that provides qualifying kindergarten through twelfth grade students with access to basic education programming that accelerates learning and enhances instruction. The framework for such programs shall 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 universally screen all 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 implementing universal screening, assessment, identification and placement of highly capable students. The procedures will include universal screening for identification and placement decisions; use of local norms, unless more restrictive than national norms; 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 services program--Highly capable students

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