

## **Highly Capable Learners**

### ***Eligibility***

Eligibility for placement is based on multiple criteria such as academic achievement, exceptional creativity, and/or cognitive ability. The district will submit an application for funding annually as approved by the Board. The district will employ a variety of local options and will comply with program requirements for those categorical funds obtained from the state.

### ***Nomination***

Students may be nominated from a variety of sources including teachers, administrators, parents, and community members. Students may also self-nominate. The superintendent shall identify an appeal process as necessary. Students eligible for services shall be screened equitably.

### ***Assessment***

The district will use multiple assessment criteria to determine eligibility. Such measures as WASL and MAP scores, classroom assessments, teacher and parent observation will be used. Prior to conducting assessments that are not routine in nature, the Superintendent or designee will obtain written parent permission. Test results will become part of the student's cumulative file.

### ***Placement***

Students will be placed in programs with parent permission on an annual basis. Parent shall have a full explanation of the appeals process and program options.

### ***Continuum of Program Options***

To the greatest extent possible the district will provide a variety of offerings to meet student needs including curriculum acceleration, content arrangements for instruction, independent study, Advanced Placement, instructional differentiation, and other cooperative arrangements. Other program options may be determined by the Superintendent as needed. Program options will recognize the limits of state and local resources.

### ***Program Monitoring***

The district will review the highly capable program annually which may include staff and community input, the number of students served, the kind of programs offered, expenditures and other data of interest to the community. The district will comply with

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end of year reporting procedures as outlined by OSPI. District Records shall be kept at the building and district in a confidential manner according to privacy laws.