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Highly Capable
Program Services

Middle School Parent Information Night

Parents of students in grades 5-7

Profiles of Gifted Students



Please enjoy this article as we get ready to begin!

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Highly Capable Program Services

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Mission

Each student will
graduate
prepared to
lead a rewarding
responsible life
as a contributing
member of our
community and
greater society



Vision

Every Student Future Ready:

Prepared for College
*Prepared for the Global
Workplace*
*Prepared for Personal
Success*



From the Boardroom to the classroom, Lake Washington School District is committed to the values that shape our culture.



Our Values

Focus on Students

To prepare our students we believe that all students must have opportunities to learn a rich curriculum in inclusive classrooms.

Focus on Learning

To continue growing as an organization, everyone must have access to learning opportunities that encourage ongoing growth and development.

Focus on Connections

To engage our community, our district must be focused on strong partnerships, outstanding service, and clear communication.

Focus on Results

To be the best school district in the world, we are committed to high quality implementation of practices that produce positive change and sustainable transformation.



We elevate everyone and everything in Lake Washington as we focus on:



SUCCESS

We set high expectations and provide support to help students and staff grow every year.

WELL-BEING

We create safe, welcoming, and inclusive places to learn for students and staff.

ENGAGEMENT

We engage students, families, and community partners to improve student outcomes and build trust.

EXCELLENCE

We ensure organizational responsibility through the effective use of resources and systems that align with district values and strategic priorities.

INNOVATION

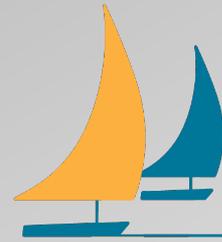
We encourage new ideas that embrace creativity and reimagine teaching and learning.

EQUITY

We increase equitable outcomes by addressing barriers to engagement and success.



- What is highly capable education?
- What are the characteristics of highly capable learners?
- LWSD's highly capable services
- Referral, Screening, & Identification Process for LWSD
- Frequently asked questions
- GEAC

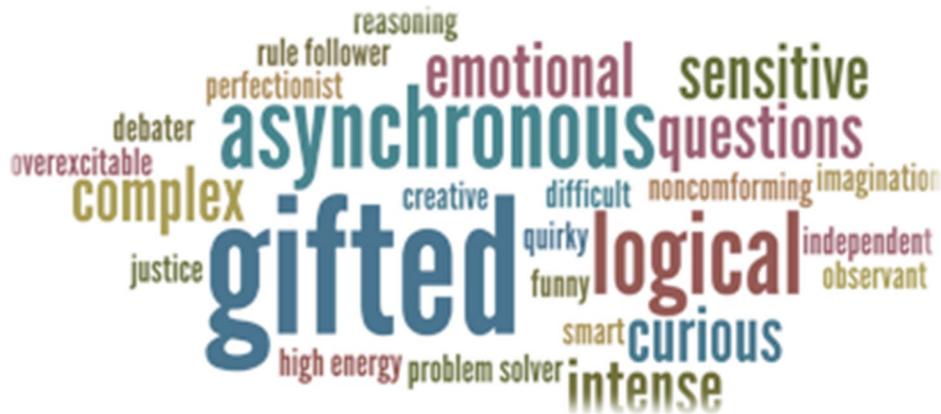


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Highly Capable Learners

Crystal Batlle

There's not one universal definition or word for gifted education!



Capable
TAG
Gifted Pull-out
Self-contained
Programs
Education
Highly

LWSD Highly Capable Program is Governed by Laws



Definition of Highly Capable Students:

Highly capable students are students who perform or show potential for performing at significantly advanced academic levels when compared with others of their age, experiences, or environments.

Washington State Legislature:

The legislature finds that, for highly capable students, access to accelerated learning and enhanced instruction is access to a basic education.

Highly Able vs. Highly Capable

Highly Able Child

Knows the answers

Has good ideas

Works hard

Learns with ease

Understands ideas

Listens with interest

Highly Capable Child

Asks the questions

Has wild, silly ideas

Plays around, yet tests well

Already knows

Constructs abstractions

Shows strong feelings and opinions

Highly Able vs. Highly Capable

Highly Able Child

6-8 repetitions for mastery
Is in the top group
Grasps the meaning
Completes assignments
Absorbs information

Highly Capable Child

1-2 repetitions for mastery
Beyond the group
Draws inferences
Initiates projects
Manipulates information



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LWSD's Highly Capable Tiers of Services

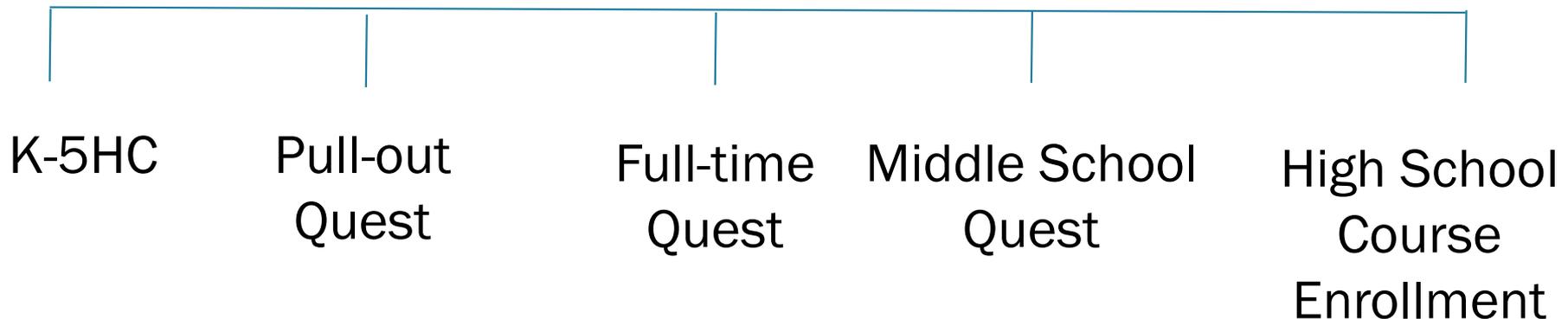
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Accelerated Programs Umbrella

Accelerated Programs



Highly Capable



Middle School Quest Program (MSQ)



- 6th – 8th grade students who qualify
- Students are provided services at identified middle schools
 - Current locations: *Evergreen, Kamiakin, Redmond, Timberline*

Middle School Quest 6th grade students:

- Acceleration one year in English/Language Arts (ELA) and Math
- Enrichment/differentiation for social studies and science
- Grade-level project-based units

Middle School Quest 7th and 8th grade students:

- Acceleration one year in ELA
- Enrichment/differentiation for social studies and science
- Math pathways
- Grade-level project-based units

High School Course Enrollment Lake Washington School District

- Once identified as highly capable, students remain identified through 12th grade
- Counselors work with students to provide challenging schedules to include:
 - Honors Classes
 - Advanced Placement Classes
 - Running Start
 - College in the high school
 - Differentiation in the classroom

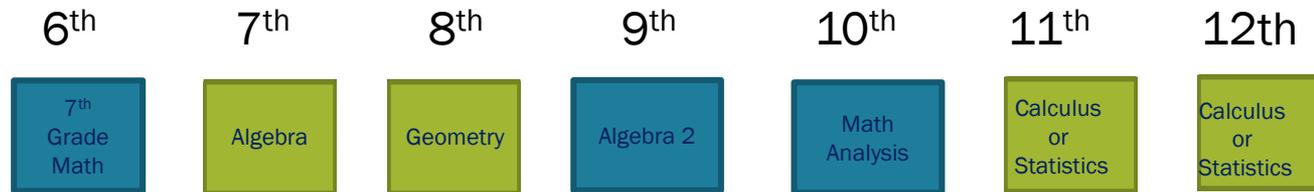


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LWSD's Highly Capable Middle School Content

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Sample MSQ Math Pathway



Once highly capable students reach high school there are other choices for upper level math:

- Probability & Statistics
- Microeconomics
- Engineering
- Computer Science

Middle School Quest Focus

- Thematic Instruction
- Growth Mindset (Carol Dweck, Ph.D.)
- Depth and Complexity (Sandra Kaplan, Ph.D.)
- Team collaboration
- Project-based learning
- Interdisciplinary projects

MSQ Supplemental Opportunities

- Math Club
- Math Teams at school level
- Math Olympiad
- Math is Cool
- AMC 8
- Math Counts



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Application and Assessments

Diane Durant

Middle School Quest

Grades 6 through 8



Nominating students

- Parents, staff or community members may nominate students in 5th, 6th and 7th grade for Middle School Quest.
- Parents must complete an online application. Please contact the Accelerated Programs Office if a paper application or a translated application is needed.
- Students must reside in LWSD boundaries to apply for and participate in Quest programs.
- Students must go through the district's highly capable assessment process for selection.

Application Process Dates



- **October 1st:** Online applications open
- **October 25th:** Online applications close at 4pm
- **November 16 :** CogAT screener
- **December 14:** Iowa Assessments
- **January 11:** Full CogAT
- **Spring 2020:** Notification of placement
- **September 2020 :** services begin for identified students

Please visit the Accelerated Programs Website for additional information.
LWSD → Programs and Services → Accelerated Programs

Screening Process

To determine if further evaluations are needed



Students are screened using:

- Smarter Balance Assessment (SBA) results from the previous year
 - Typical ranges to qualify for further assessment are Level 4 on SBA ELA and Level 4 SBA Math
- CogAT Screening Form
 - Typical ranges to qualify for further assessment are Composite SAS 126-160 (95 to 99 Age Percentile Rank)

Private test results are not accepted

Assessment Process

- Students who qualify for further assessment who scored at the 95th to 98th APR on the CogAT Screening Form will be scheduled to take the FULL CogAT and the Iowa Assessments.
- Students who qualify for further assessment who scored at the 99th Age Percentile Rank on the CogAT Screening Form will be scheduled for the Iowa Assessments.

For students who meet screening criteria who score at the 95th to 98th APR on the CogAT Screening Form

- Measures Verbal, Quantitative and Nonverbal learned reasoning abilities
- Students who meet the screening criteria and score at the 99th APR on the CogAT screening form do not take the Full CogAT

****Private test results are not accepted****

IOWA Assessments

- Measures reading, vocabulary, and math skills
- Students take the following subtests:
 - Reading Part 1 and Part 2
 - Vocabulary
 - Math Part 1 and Part 2

****Private test results are not accepted****

Assessments by Grade

Assessment Form and Level by Grade for LWSU Highly Capable Programs			
GRADE	ASSESSMENT*	FORM*	LEVEL*
Kindergarten	CogAT Screening	7	7
1ST	CogAT Screening/Full	7	8
2ND	CogAT Screening/Full	7	9
3RD	CogAT Screening/Full	7	10
4TH	CogAT Screening/Full	7	11
5TH	CogAT Screening/Full	7	12
6TH	CogAT Screening/Full	7	13
7TH	CogAT Screening/Full	7	14
Kindergarten	Iowa Assessments	E	5
1ST	Iowa Assessments	E	7
2ND	Iowa Assessments	E	8
3RD	Iowa Assessments	E	9
4TH	Iowa Assessments	E	10
5TH	Iowa Assessments	E	11
6TH	Iowa Assessments	E	12
7TH	Iowa Assessments	E	13

* Test, Form and Level are subject to change.

For information on the scope and content of these assessments, please consult

- [Riverside Insights Cognitive Abilities Test™ \(CogAT®\)](#)
- [Riverside Insights Iowa Assessments](#)

Assessment format for students in grades 5 to 7:

- Paper/pencil
- Students record answers on answer sheets
- Timed

Assessments

For more information on the scope and content of the assessments, please visit

Riverside Insights Cognitive Abilities Test™ (CogAT®) at
<https://www.riversideinsights.com/solutions/cogat?tab=0>

Riverside Insights Iowa Assessments at
<https://www.riversideinsights.com/solutions/iowa-assessments?tab=0>



TIPS for completing the online application form

- Check your information before you submit the application:
 - Student name and birthdate
 - Parent/Guardian email
- If your child has severe health issues, note this in the "Comments" section. You must remain on site when your child is taking assessments with us.
- If you have trouble with online application or need an application in another language, please contact the Accelerated Programs Office. We will help you!



After completing the application

- After you select **Submit Your Application**,
 - You will see a message on your screen stating: "Your application has been submitted to LWSD successfully. Please call our office at 425-936-1238 if have any questions. Thank you for applying."
 - An email confirmation will be sent to the email address you entered as the Primary Email.
 - Save your email confirmation for your records!
- Please do not fill out multiple applications!
- If you need to make a change to your application, email quest@lwsd.org.
- Expect an email with time and location for the CogAT Screening Form time by end of day November 12



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LWSD's Highly Capable Identification and Placement

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- MSC includes, at a minimum, a psychologist, a department administrator and a teacher
- The MSC determines screening and eligibility decisions based on a body of evidence (or multiple objectives) for each applicant
- Assessment criteria, including typical ranges for eligibility, are published on the Accelerated Programs Website

Multiple Objective Criteria

Multiple Objective Criteria:

- Cognitive Abilities Test (CogAT) Screening Form
- Full CogAT Assessment
- Iowa Assessments
- SBA in ELA and math

Identification Criteria

HIGHLY CAPABLE SERVICES

IDENTIFICATION CRITERIA FOR APPLICANTS IN GRADES FIVE THROUGH SEVEN

Typical Score Ranges for Students Currently in Grades 5 through 7

SERVICE	CogAT GRADES 5 - 7 The CogAT provides a measure of a student's learned reasoning abilities. Subtests are Verbal, Quantitative and Nonverbal.	Iowa Assessments GRADES 5 - 7 The Iowa Assessments provide a measure of a student's achievement across a continuum of rigorous learning standards. LWSD administers the Reading, Vocabulary and Math subtests.	SBA GRADES 5 - 7 The Smarter Balanced Assessment is a system of assessments aligned to Washington state standards in English language arts (ELA) and mathematics.	REPORT CARD GRADES 5 - 7 Report cards provide a classroom-based measure of academic performance. Report card grades are used alongside other criteria during selection to support identification.
Middle School Quest	Two subtest scores between SAS 135-160 (99 APR) OR Composite SAS between 135-160 (99 APR)	Total Reading at 99% and Math at or above 95% OR Math at 99% and Total Reading at or above 95%	Level 4 in SBA ELA and Level 4 in SBA Math	Grades 5 and 6: Between a 3.5 and a 4.0 mean in all strands of reading AND Between a 3.5 and a 4.0 mean in all strands of math Grade 7: B+ or higher in language arts and in math



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Frequently Asked Questions

Accelerated Programs Staff

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- How does Accelerated Programs communicate with families?
 - *All communication will be emailed to families from the LWSD Accelerated Programs Department.*
 - *Schedules for assessments*
 - *Screening results*
 - *Eligibility results*
- What if my child gets sick or we have a family emergency and cannot take the CogAT or IOWA assessment?
 - *If your child is ill or your family experienced an emergency on the day of the assessment, please email quest@lwsd.org before the test begins.*
 - *Students with a documented family emergency or illness are provided **one** make-up date set by the district.*
 - *Visit the Accelerated Programs Website for make-up dates*

Frequently Asked Questions

- I had my child privately tested. Can I submit these results with my application?
 - *LWSD does not accept private testing results in place of or in addition to district assessment results. Accepting private evaluations creates potential inequity based on the ability of parents to pay for a private evaluation. Instead students participate in the district assessment process at no cost.*
- I had previous teachers write letters of recommendation. Can I submit these with the application?
 - *Letters of recommendation are not a part of the body of evidence reviewed by the Multi-Disciplinary Selection Committee (MSC).*
 - *Per Washington State Law, letters of recommendation may not be used determine student eligibility.*

Frequently Asked Questions

- Should my child study or “prep” for assessments?
 - *We do not recommend or endorse “prepping” students for assessments.*
- If I live outside of LWSD, can I still apply?
 - *Students must reside within the Lake Washington School District at the time of application to be eligible for highly capable services.*
 - *Students must remain residents of the district to continue to receive services.*

Frequently Asked Questions

- What if my child has an IEP or 504 plan?
 - *If your child has a current Individual Education Plan (IEP) or 504 plan, please make note of that on your application.*
 - *Accommodations documented on IEP and 504 plans are provided during the assessment process.*
- How many times can my child be nominated or apply?
 - *Students can be nominated/apply for highly capable services each year.*

Frequently Asked Questions

- If my child applies multiple times, can we use scores from a range of years?
 - *To ensure equal access for each applicant, a student's current body-of-evidence is reviewed in consideration of the current eligibility criteria.*
 - *Data from previous years is not utilized.*

Frequently Asked Questions

- Can I observe a highly capable group or classroom?
 - *We are unable to schedule classroom observations as part of the application process. With high interest in programs, this would create a distraction to the learning environment.*
- What if my child becomes eligible for service, but we are not sure whether or not we want to participate?
 - *We are here to work with families. Our office staff, instructional specialist, and department psychologist frequently talk with families regarding program participation decisions.*

Frequently Asked Questions

- My child is in private school. What should we do?
- *Students residing in LWSD and attending private schools may apply for and receive highly capable services.*
 - *Complete the online application and submit supplemental documentation during the open application period.*
 - *Qualifying private school students would attend services at their assigned LWSD school.*

Frequently Asked Questions

Can my child participate in both the Choice School Lottery and the Middle School Quest Assessment Process?

Yes!

- *If offered placement at a Choice School, they may continue with the highly capable selection process.*
- *If offered and accept placement in Middle School Quest, they will be removed from the Choice School and will not be placed on the waitlist.*
- *If a MSQ student accepts a Choice School placement, the student transfers to the Choice School and removed from the MSQ placement.*
- *If wanting to return to MSQ,*
 - *Less than one year, return to MSQ but may not be prior location.*
 - *More than one year, change of service request will be reviewed by MSC for consideration of placement into program.*

Frequently Asked Questions

- I still have some questions, what do I do?
 - *Most questions can be answered by visiting our [website](#):*

LWSD → Programs and Services →
Accelerated Programs

- *If you have a question unique to your child, please email quest@lwsd.org or call our office at (425) 936-1238.*

Frequently Asked Questions

- How can I connect with families familiar with the program?
 - *The Gifted Education Advisory Council (GEAC) is a good source of information about Highly Capable programs from the perspective of families.*



GEAC

Welcome to the Highly Capable Program Information meeting!

Anhaita Jamula and Anita Dhinaker



GEAC *What is GEAC?*

- ***Gifted Education Advisory Council***
- Like a PTA for LWSD highly capable community
- Non-profit, founded in 1989
- *Our operating budget is funded 100% by annual donations and corporate matching.*



GEAC *Who we are...*

- Primarily current or past Quest or other Highly Capable program families.
- Educators and other community members are welcome and encouraged to join.
- All are volunteers.

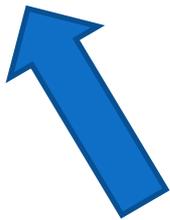


Sign up for our mailing list on www.lwsdgeac.org

Welcome to the LWSD GEAC Website!

To learn more about gifted education in the Lake Washington School District (LWSD) and how GEAC and its members support the LWSD highly capable community, please read through our website and feel free to join us at any of our monthly general meetings listed below.

Don't be left out! To subscribe to GEAC's email newsletter click [here](#).



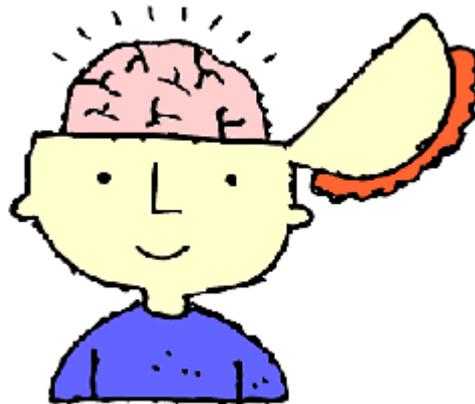
Sign up for our FB page



GEAC - Mission

- *Our Mission:*

*To support the **unique needs** of highly capable students enrolled in the Lake Washington School District.*



GEAC - Mission

Outreach:

Connecting families and encouraging **communication** and understanding between the highly capable learning community and others.



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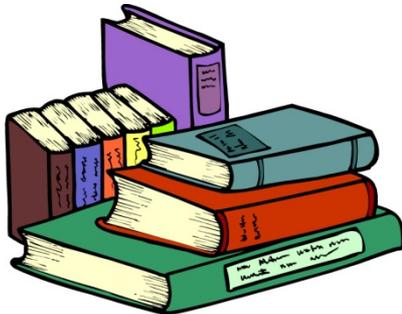
Enrichment:

Supporting highly capable student learning in the classroom by **providing grants** for curriculum resources, excursions, and professional development for staff.



GEAC *Enrichment - Grants*

- Support student learning in the classroom through grants
- Including, but not limited to:
 - curriculum resources (eg, books, science materials)
 - Excursions (field trips)
 - professional development for staff (eg, conferences)



GEAC - Mission

Education:

Providing **EDUCATION AND SUPPORT** opportunities for parents, students, and educators in the highly capable community.

There's a lot to learn about gifted kids' social and emotional development!



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Advocacy:

ADVOCATING for the needs of highly capable students in a variety of areas.



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To help support these efforts –
Please [Join/Donate](#) Now!

Paper forms available tonight

Or online at lwsdgeac.org



To donate to GEAC (WITHOUT completing a membership form), click on the **Donate** button below. If you would like to complete a membership form as well as make a donation, please go the Join/Donate page under the Support GEAC menu INSTEAD OF clicking the button below.



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*Company matching is approximately **40%** of our total donations
Please submit a request if your company matches*

Opportunities to volunteer –

Contact GEAC President (president@lwsdgeac.org) for more information

- Board members at large
- Volunteer at our math festival
- Follow our newsletter for more opportunities



GEAC - Thank you

- We look forward to seeing you again soon!





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**Thank you for your interest in
highly capable programs!**