



Highly Capable Program Information

Middle School Challenge

The curriculum for students in the middle school self-contained Highly Capable Program is the same as the rest of the students at their grade level but the classes are taught with the needs of highly capable students in mind. Students will learn by working alone, in pairs, and in small groups. They will be learning to base their thinking on facts; discussions are often part of classes.

In Middle School, students are assigned highly capable classes for English language arts (ELA), social studies, and science. Students are assigned to math courses individually.

What support can you provide at home?

- ⇒ Provide opportunities to help your child find their interests and explore them.
- ⇒ Encourage growth in strengths and practice in areas of need.
- ⇒ Allow for struggle or failure on the path to understanding.
- ⇒ Discuss interesting topics with your child including asking and answering questions.
- ⇒ Support development of organizational

The goal of Highline's Highly Capable Program is to provide opportunities for students to achieve a greater depth of knowledge, and in some cases, to accelerate their learning, to reach their full potential as scholars. We strive to provide services that meet each student's needs and capabilities and help students cultivate habits of learning that will contribute to student success in school, college, career and life.

In Highly Capable Classes:

Teachers organize instruction in their classes to meet these program goals:

Programs are designed to fit the needs of all highly capable students

The learning standards are the same as general education classes but the ways students learn are different.

All students are learning about new concepts and ideas

Students will learn about their strengths and needs to help them focus on their academic needs.

Experience daily interaction with the students from around the school

Challenge classes will work and learn together and will also be involved in learning with other student groups.

Curriculum and instruction are focused on the needs of highly capable students

Instruction will include learning in many ways that may stretch students to try new ways of working.

Thinking, creativity, and problem solving are parts of learning

Instruction includes students participating in learning about new concepts and presenting their thinking.

All students work with one another

Students will learn to work with others in pairs and in groups to learn together and to understand one another.

There is a focus on the specific needs of highly capable children

Highly capable students may have differing social and emotional needs.

Instruction in the classes is paced to meet the needs of curious learners

Learning is paced to insure that students learn and stay engaged with the content.

Students work toward being independent learners

Organizational skills and record keeping are built into the curriculum and daily work.