

HCL Program Philosophy

The philosophy of the South Whidbey School District Highly Capable Learners program is to identify, recognize, and support those students whose intellectual and creative abilities ("gifted & talented") require experiences and opportunities not always provided in the traditional course of study.

HCL Program Goals:

1. Provide students with the opportunity to fully master the knowledge and skills that are part of South Whidbey School District student expectations.
2. Provide students with a learning environment conducive to developing and expanding their individual areas of giftedness; including opportunities to work in groups of other HC learners at deeper levels or accelerated pace.
3. Provide a differentiated learning environment for students, that emphasizes and expands their thinking abilities and independent learning skills.
4. Provide a program that allows opportunities for all students to expand their understanding and acceptance of self and others.
5. Provide students with opportunities to solve real-life problems and to develop products and information that will be communicated to others in meaningful ways.

Mission:

To provide a positive learning environment in which all students have the opportunity to reach their highest potential as citizens who can meet the challenges of a changing global society.