



Highly Capable Program

Dear Parent or Guardian,

If you are interested in having your student screened for the highly capable program, please complete the attached permission form and return it to your school secretary. Testing will be conducted in schools in the month of February.

Who are Highly Capable Students?

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

1. Have the capacity to learn with unusual depth of understanding, to retain what has been learned, and to transfer learning to new situations;
2. Have the capacity and willingness to deal with increasing levels of abstraction and complexity earlier than their chronological peers;
3. Demonstrate creative ability to make unusual connections among ideas and concepts;
4. Have the ability to learn quickly in their area(s) of intellectual strength; and
5. Have the capacity for intense concentration and/or focus.

What is the Highly Capable Program?

In Longview, the highly capable program is delivered in a cluster classroom model in our elementary schools. Each neighborhood school has its own highly capable cluster program. Within each school, one classroom at each grade level serves the students in the highly capable program. These students are provided with compacted lessons, tiered assignments, greater independent study, and accelerated instruction. The cluster grouping model is a method for providing full-time highly capable education services with the potential to raise achievement for all students.

In middle and high schools, highly capable students are served through enrollment in higher grade level courses and/or advanced placement (AP) courses. Please contact your building principal or our office for questions about the program and/or screening process.

Sincerely,

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Title IX Coordinator and Civil Rights Compliance Coordinator
Tony VanderMaas, Assistant Superintendent
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Highly Capable Program – Permission for Testing

This form must be returned to your building school secretary.

Student's Last Name: _____ First Name: _____

School: _____ Current Grade: _____

I give permission for screening and testing my child for the Highly Capable Program.

Parent(s)/Guardian(s)

Print name of Parent or Guardian

Date

Signature of Parent or Guardian

Date