

**HIGHLY CAPABLE
PROGRAM INFORMATION:**
A Continuum of Services

ELEMENTARY SCHOOL PROGRAMS

Elementary students have two different possible options for receiving services:

1. Highly Capable Cluster Group in Classrooms (K-5) For those qualified as “Cluster Math or Cluster Reading” or those qualified for Self Contained but wish to stay at their neighborhood school.
2. Highly Capable Self-Contained Classrooms (3-5) For students who qualify as “Reading” “Math” or Both

There are advantages to each program depending on the student. All elementary HiCap students will receive a Highly Capable Student Learning Plan in the fall and at the end of the school year.



ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

Cluster Group Classrooms (Grades K-5)

In this program, Highly Capable children in one grade level at each school are grouped together in a classroom. A teacher trained in Highly Capable instruction is able to group these students for enrichment in reading and math as needed.

Advantages:

- ◆ Students are able to stay at their home school with friends
- ◆ Students have the opportunity to work with other like-ability students
- ◆ Enrichment is provided in the area(s) where students are ready for it

ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

Self-Contained Classrooms (Grades 3-5)

This full-day Highly Capable program is intended for the most qualified students in the program. While the district curriculum is used, trained teachers extend the curriculum in reading, writing, science and social studies. Since this program is only offered at one site, transportation is provided for students accepted to the program. A Renzulli Inventory of Gifted Characteristics is used in addition to achievement and cognitive assessments to determine qualification for the elementary self-contained program.

Advantages:

- ◆ The classwork is rigorous and fast-paced
- ◆ Students work primarily with like-ability peers

MIDDLE SCHOOL PROGRAM

Grades 6, 7 & 8

Highly Capable students in middle school are placed with their Highly Capable Cohort into Honors ELA courses. As appropriate, students are also placed on an accelerated math track that provides an opportunity to take Geometry in eighth grade. The Highly Capable Cohort is available at all three middle schools and allows students access to rigorous curriculum while staying at their home school.

All middle school HiCap students will receive a Highly Capable Student Learning Plan (SLP) in the fall and at the end of the year.

HIGH SCHOOL PROGRAMS

9th & 10th Grades:

Highly Capable students are encouraged to participate in Advanced Placement, Honors, and/or Pre-AP classes.

11th & 12th Grades:

Students are encouraged to participate in the Advanced Placement (**AP**) program at Bonney Lake High School or International Baccalaureate (**IB**) program offered at Sumner High School. Students may also choose to participate in the Running Start program, offered at both high schools.

BENEFITS OF AP & IB PROGRAMS

- ◆ These courses challenge students to work and participate at a higher level
- ◆ Rigorous college-level content and skills - critical thinking
- ◆ Opportunities to explore topics in depth
- ◆ Valued in college admission process - colleges rank grades in college-prep courses and strength of curriculum as the two top factors in the admission decision



BENEFITS OF RUNNING START

- ◆ Expands the educational opportunities for 11th and 12th grade high school students
- ◆ Students may take college level courses while still in high school and earn high school and college credit simultaneously
- ◆ Tuition for college classes is paid through Running Start.
- ◆ Students can earn up to two years (6 quarters) of tuition-free college through this program



FOR MORE INFORMATION



For information regarding Highly Capable characteristics and the referral process, please visit our website at:

www.sumnersd.org/highlycapable

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