Policy 2190

Section: **INSTRUCTION**

Title: **Programs for Highly Capable Children**

In accordance with the philosophy to develop the special abilities of each student, Kelso School District shall offer appropriate instructional programs to meet the needs of highly capable students of school age. The framework for such programs shall encompass, but not be limited to, the following objectives:

A. Expansion of academic attainments and intellectual skills;

B. Stimulation of intellectual curiosity, independence and responsibility;

C. Development of a positive attitude toward self and others;

D. Interaction with highly capable peers;

E. Development of leadership skills; and

F. Development of curiosity and creativity.

The board of Directors of Kelso School District will annually approve the district's highly capable application which describes the numbers of students served by grade level; the district's plan to identify students; program services; instructional program description; professional development; program evaluation and fiscal report; and assurances that the district is legally compliant.

The superintendent or designee shall establish procedures consistent with state guidelines for nominating, assessing and selecting children of demonstrated achievement or potential ability in terms of general intellectual ability, academic aptitude and creative or productive thinking.

Legal References: WAC 392-170 Special services program—highly capable students
RCW 28A.185.030 Programs—Authority of local school districts—Selection of students

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