

Do you recognize these traits in a child or children you know?

- They like to organize and bring structure to things, people or situations.
- They prefer to work independently and require little instruction from teachers.
- They become absorbed and truly involved in certain topics or problems and can be difficult to coax onto another topic.
- They read a lot on their own and often prefer adult level books.
- They have an advanced vocabulary for their age.
- They quickly master and recall factual information.

These are just some of the characteristics highly capable students often display. There are many other traits that you may recognize, whether or not you realize you have associated them with a highly capable child.

The Lyle School District has revitalized its Highly Capable Program and will once again provide an official continuum of services for Highly Capable-eligible students in grades 1-12. While one of the hallmarks of Lyle School is that we seek to individualize student learning opportunities for all students, our program will now identify students through a variety of assessments and offer services specifically for those who meet the definition of highly capable.

The Elementary and Middle School Highly Capable students will be offered opportunities that include: accelerated course work, classroom groupings, and in-class differentiated instruction. Middle school students may also participate in after-school enrichment activities.

High School Highly Capable students have access to the same opportunities plus advanced courses and an on-campus Running Start option.

Our goals include:

1. To provide enriched and accelerated academic learning opportunities with a focus on developing critical thinking and problem solving skills and strategies.
2. To offer an environment where highly capable students meet their full potential and are stimulated intellectually and encouraged to develop the skills needed to thrive and succeed in future endeavors.
3. To foster the social and emotional welfare of our highly capable students where they grow and develop a positive image of themselves and others.
4. To offer learning opportunities that promote originality and creativity throughout their 1-12 experiences.

If you think your student may qualify and benefit from the Highly Capable Program, read more on our website by going to www.lyleschools.org and selecting "Special Programs" from the "Our District" dropdown menu. Select Highly Capable Program from the left hand menu. Fill out the form on the website to refer your child for an assessment. If you need a hard copy, contact the school office at support@lyleschools.org, or 509-365-2211, ext. 120.