



K/1 Highly Capable Group Plan

Program Information

The kindergarten/1st grade Group Learning Plan is designed for students who demonstrate high capability and potential in **cognitive ability**, **specific academic achievement** and/or **exceptional creativity**. Identification for the K/1 Group Learning Plan is based on teacher observation and classroom-based assessments.

Students in kindergarten and 1st grade who are identified for highly capable services will receive these services in the student's home classroom with teachers providing extensions during literacy and/or math blocks.

What support can you provide at home?

- ⇒ Provide opportunities to help your child find their interests and explore them.
- ⇒ Encourage growth in strengths and practice in areas of need.
- ⇒ Allow for struggle or failure on the path to understanding.
- ⇒ Model life-long learning habits.
- ⇒ Support development of organizational and social-emotional skills.

The goal of Highline's Highly Capable Program is to provide opportunities for students to achieve a greater depth of knowledge, and in some cases, to accelerate their learning, to reach their full potential as scholars. We strive to provide services that meet each student's needs and capabilities and help students cultivate habits of learning that will contribute to student success in school, college, career and life.

What services your student may receive in their group learning plan:

Teachers will determine how to deliver these services to your student. You may see some of the following on your student's plan:

Content acceleration

Presenting content earlier or at a faster pace or presenting more thought-provoking assignments.

Content Enrichment

Presenting to students content with more depth, breadth, complexity and abstractness.

Tiered assignments

Specific tasks that are designed according to their readiness and comprehension level with different levels of instructional support.

Learning/interest centers

Engage in self-directed and independent learning activities (a practical means of targeting the individual differences [academic, social, developmental, behavioral] of students)

Cluster/Flexible Grouping

Opportunities for students to work in groups based on readiness, interest & learning style

All students in kindergarten, 1st grade and 2nd grade in Highline are nominated to receive highly capable services and for the Challenge program. We think this is critical in early years because brain development is so rapid and variable at a young age. Intelligence does not always present itself in a traditional way for students with a variety of backgrounds and exposure to early learning experiences.

A universal screening will be done in the winter for students in 1st and 2nd grade to determine eligibility for Highly Capable Services beyond the K/1 Group Learning Plan.