

District Goals for the High Ability Program

The goals for students in the high ability programs offered at Western School Corporation are as follows: Students will:

1. master basic skills while partaking in differentiated curricula and/or instruction to accelerate and/or enrich their knowledge in specific academic areas,
2. explore a diversity of differentiated experiences, which develop high level thought processes,
3. develop advanced study skills through the application of independence, self-direction, and self-evaluation,
4. analyze, evaluate, and apply research to develop high quality products,
5. utilize 21st Century skills, and 6. increase their understanding and respect for individuals with varying ability levels through the development of communication skills and interaction with diverse people.

Detailed Summary of Progress

Implement an unbiased identification process based upon specific criteria using reliable and valid qualitative and quantitative testing measures to identify students in reading, math or both.

- o Administer Northwest Evaluation Association (NWEA) to all students K-8
- o Administer Cognitive Ability Test (CogAT) to all kindergarteners, 2nd, and 5th graders
- o Administer the PSAT to all 10th and 11th graders
- o Administer the Stanford Achievement Test (SAT) to 11th and 12th graders

Grant Funding supporting SMART goals

This grant supports the inclusive access to and development of high ability services and program elements to best serve the students of North Newton.

- Grant dollars remain specific to high ability and goes beyond general education.
- Grant dollars increases access to services.
- Grant dollars have a high impact on the success of the overall program.
- Grant dollars promote retention of highly qualified and highly effective educators.
- Grant dollars raises family and community awareness and engagement.

Realizing that most of our grant funding is used on salary, we feel the aforementioned points are directly related to those that are licensed and produce a high quality of awareness and promotion of said points.

