

## Highly Capable Learners' (HCL) Program & Enrichment Options Ad Hoc Committee 2008-2009

<b>Purpose(s):</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Revise/ develop mission, vision and core beliefs for the district wide HCL Program</li> <li>• Assess/ revise the alignment of the HCL Program with state regulations and district goals and initiatives</li> <li>• Recommend and prioritize the development of an Enrichment Program Plan Grades 3-8 in addition to the HCL Program to the Superintendent</li> <li>• Create a three year phase-in plan for implementation</li> </ul>
<b>Basis for Establishment:</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Washington State HCL Program regulations</li> <li>• Bellingham School District Strategic Plan</li> </ul>
<b>Decision Making:</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Consultative by recommendation to the Superintendent from the Director of Federal and Special Programs</li> <li>• Consultative to the Director of Federal and Special Programs by committee members using the processes of consensus and input/feedback</li> </ul>
<b>Plan:</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Review the current HCL Program structure and the program structure required by the state of Washington</li> <li>• Revise/develop the mission, vision and core beliefs for the HCL Program</li> <li>• Identify and prioritize issues related to enrichment opportunities including summer school, after school and other time periods</li> <li>• Draft recommendations to address selected issues related to providing enrichment opportunities</li> <li>• Draft steps and a timeline to implement recommendations that expand enrichment opportunities to identified students who have demonstrated high academic achievement in grades 3-8 during the next three years</li> <li>• Submit recommendations and plan to Superintendent for approval</li> </ul>
<b>Members:</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The Committee will consist of 11 members: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 2 Classroom teachers, 1 elementary &amp; 1 middle school</li> <li>• 2 School administrators, 1 elementary &amp; 1 middle school</li> <li>• 1 Middle School HCL Student</li> <li>• 1 High School HCL Student</li> <li>• 2 Parents whose students participate in the HCL Program</li> <li>• 2 Parents of other students who are interested in the HCL Program</li> <li>• 1 Representative from a college or university (WWU, BTC, WCC)</li> </ul> </li> <li>• The Committee will have three advisory, Ad Hoc members: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• HCL Program Facilitators, Peggy Taylor &amp; Darlene Gaffney</li> <li>• Director of Curriculum, Jim Facciano</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Facilitator: Federal and Special Programs Director, Susan Peterson</li> </ul>
<b>Responsibilities of Committee Members</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Regular meeting attendance for the duration of the Ad Hoc Committee</li> <li>• Learn about and apply State regulations that guide the HCL Program</li> <li>• Learn about, participate in the development of and support new program opportunities</li> <li>• Communicate the content of the meetings and gather input from building staff and parents as requested by the committee</li> <li>• Respectful and collaborative interactions with committee members</li> </ul>
<b>Communications:</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Communicate the purpose of the committee to District and HCL parents</li> <li>• Advertise for membership using the district membership application process</li> <li>• Committee members serve as key communicators for the groups they represent</li> <li>• Post meeting minutes and recommendations on district website</li> <li>• Use district communication process to inform stakeholders of committee outcomes</li> </ul>
<b>Timeline:</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Meet during the school year to draft a recommendation for increasing program options</li> </ul>

- Dates and times: Jan. 15, 27, Feb. 17, 3:00 –5:00 others as determined by need
- Recommendations to the Superintendent: May 2009

**Budget Implications:**

- HCL Program support for parents and staff to meet, including release time, printing, etc.
- HCL Program support for other needs identified by the Director and approved by the Superintendent
- Other: unknown