

HIGH ABILITY STUDENTS

Laramie County School District #2 recognizes that all students have different abilities. With that understanding, the district is committed to meeting the needs of all its students, including those students who have the ability to excel in school.

Definition

Students with High Ability are those that possess strong problem solving skills and/or creativity. Approximately the top 20% of students may qualify for the High Ability Program.

Identification

The process for identifying High Ability (or gifted) students in Laramie County School District #2 will include gathering the following information and determining if district criteria have been met:

- Teacher survey/questionnaire
- Parent survey/questionnaire
- Student interview
- Cognitive assessment
- Other information as appropriate

Those students identified as High Ability will be maintained on a roster that is shared with the teaching staff each year. Teachers, made aware of the unique needs of those students previously tested, will be expected to provide enrichments specifically targeted toward the advancement of those identified students.

Transfer students who have been identified in other districts as High Ability or gifted, will be considered as High Ability in Laramie County School District #2.

Programs

The programs offered to the identified students may include a pull out program, a summer program, and/or a separate course offering that can be offered as an elective. Other programming needs may be met in the following ways:

Enrichments: By acknowledging the variety of skills and talents of individual students, classroom teachers are encouraged to design enrichments for those students who are able to master the standards with ease. Enrichments are to be designed to deepen the student's educational experience rather than provide more work. Enrichments can be designed for small groups, large groups, or individual use. District wide, a variety of program contents and enrollment options are offered to students to enhance their learning experience at LCSD #2.

Code: IGBB

Differentiated Instruction: Providing challenging course work and instruction is the goal of every classroom teacher. Teachers will utilize the principles of differentiated instruction in order to meet the needs to individual students.

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