

FUNDING AND SERVICES FOR HIGHLY CAPABLE STUDENTS
Fact Sheet

State funding for Highly Capable Programs were authorized in 1984. Figures for state expenditures on HCP are available beginning in 1996. OSPI began to gather other detailed data on HC programs in 2002- 03.

For the 2005-2006 Annual Report, data was reported from the 225 of the state's 296 districts that applied for and received state highly capable funds.

Years in existence	Number of HC Programs
Up to 10	64
10 to 20	72
21 - 25	48
4 districts – no response	
37 districts instituted HC programs prior to state funding.	
<i>Total = 225 reporting districts</i>	

More than half (124) of the reporting districts provided 50.1% or more of the program funding from their own funds, while only 24 provided less than 10% of program costs from their own funds. In all, **local funds totaling \$30,730,018 supported highly capable programs.** Local funding is accessed from a variety of sources – levy dollars, Title V, grants, endowments, to name the most prevalent. To this was added \$6,730,819 in state funds for a total of \$37,589,837 in expenditures on these programs. (225 of 296 districts receive grant dollars; OSPI end of year report 2005-06)

From 2002-03 to 2005-06, state funding for HC programs grew by \$459,027.00, approximately 10%. Local funding grew by \$14,625,379. In 2005-06, Highly Capable Programs were funded at \$353.77 per FTE for 2% of the school population. (Beginning 2007-2008, funding is at the 2.314% level.) This amount is over and above the basic education funding provided for all students. In 2005-06, state funds were spent on programs for 34,445 students but a total of 48,275 received services. Since a highly capable program is basic education for a gifted student, the state’s obligation to fully fund basic education for this student population is limited. HC students constitute 5% of the total students enrollment in the state.

Services reported for these students include but are not limited to the following options:

125 districts use part time grouping

90 use differentiated instruction in the regular classroom

71 districts provided full-time self-contained classrooms

There is considerable overlap here as districts may provide more than one type of service

Program Development: Chart illustrates program growth from 2003-04 to 2005-06

Stage	2003 - 2004	2005 - 2006
Planning	14	23
Begin Implementation	59	86
Totally Implemented	127	129

Note: a district may be counted in more than one category as they may be at the planning stage for an elementary program, but high school program is fully implemented.

Number of students receiving program services provided by the 225 responding districts in the 2005-06 SY:

	Students Supported by Categorical Funds	Total number of students enrolled
Elementary K - 5	13,749	16,169
Middle School 6 - 8	11,012	15,323
Senior High 9 - 12	9,684	16,783

Elementary programs are largely supported by the categorical funds and senior high programs are funded from local funds and other sources

High School Programs:

Advanced Placement courses are provided in 91 districts and 10 districts offered International Baccalaureate Programs. From 2003 to 2007, participation in Advanced Placement courses rose from 18,251 to 28,785 students. Pre-AP or Pre- IB courses are offered by 24 districts.

IB: International Baccalaureate Program

There is no formal IB training given in Washington State. Currently, there are 15 IB high schools offering the program. This indicates staff were sent to a designated training site established by International Baccalaureate North America (IBNA) or teachers were trained when they accepted jobs in Washington. IB teachers have formed informal focus groups to share information, resources and ideas.

AVID: Advancement Via Individual Determination

There were 289 staff (including teachers, administrators, & counselors) trained as a result of federal funding through the Rural Schools Initiative grant. AVID training will be able in Vancouver, WA. this summer as an additional to the AP training.

AP: Advanced Placement

We have three summer institutes in Bellevue. Tacoma (PLU) and Vancouver.

**source for data: OSPI, Highly Capable Program website*