

Measure: Highly Capable Program Participation

What is Highly Capable Program Participation?

Highly Capable Program Participation is a measure of the percentage of students in grades K–12 who participate in a highly capable program. Washington’s Highly Capable Program is a component of the state’s program of basic education. Students who are identified as highly capable will have access to instruction, activities, and services that accelerate learning.

Why is this measure important?

Districts receive state apportionment to identify and serve advanced learners from all demographic groups in grades K–12. There has been inequitable access to highly capable services for some student groups due to systemic barriers. Districts should monitor their progress toward providing more equitable identification of underserved students.

How is the data used?

Highly capable program data is used to understand how many or what percentage of students are receiving instruction, activities, and services designed to accelerate their learning. The data can inform policies and practices to ensure that all students have access to highly capable programs. For example, data required by the [Revised Code of Washington \(RCW\) 28A.185.050](#) shows that participation is not evenly distributed among student groups.

What does the data show?

The data show that over the past three school years, greater percentages of Washington’s students are participating in highly capable programs across the state.

Percent of Students Participating in Highly Capable Programs Statewide

School Year	Percent
2022–23	7.1%
2023–24	7.5%
2024–25	8.1%



What are the business rules for calculating the Highly Capable Program Participation?

The Highly Capable Program Participation measure is defined as the rate of students who participate in a highly capable program at any point during the school year.

Numerator = Number of students participating in a highly capable program at any point during the school year.

Denominator = Number of students enrolled in the school district at any point in the school year.

Additional Resources

[OPSI's Highly Capable Program Webpage](#)

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