

HAL Mission Statement

**H-igh
A-bility
L-earners**

The purpose of our HAL program is to provide opportunities for students with high abilities to enhance their educational experience and to prepare them for future academic and vocational endeavors.

Our objectives:

1. Extend learning for each selected student in the areas in which he or she exhibits strength and interest.
2. Promote strong and positive communication and leadership skills.
3. Prepare students for leadership roles, work-force training, and/or post-secondary education.

Students are selected based on their demonstration of high levels of performance in standardized tests, classroom assessments, and project-based learning. Each student will have an individual learning plan which includes strengths, weaknesses, and goals for enhancing and supporting their education.

We will study goal setting, good habits, communication and leadership skills, language and vocabulary, case studies, and hands-on projects.

Identification of High Ability Learners

1. STEP 1: OBSERVE YOUR STUDENTS

- a. Use the characteristics form to evaluate students you think might qualify for services with HAL.
- b. Identify students who exhibit several of the characteristics of high ability learners

2. STEP 2: COLLECT DATA:

- a. Performance-based evidence
 - i. Student work- projects, artwork, writing, etc
 - ii. Test scores- are they above grade level in 1 or more areas?
 - iii. Grades- Is the student earning exceptionally high grades in your class?

3. STEP 3: NOMINATE

- a. After you've observed students with characteristics of high abilities and collected evidence to support that, then pass that information on to the HAL coordinator (Mrs. Ellie Anderson)