

# TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH BOARD OF CHRISTIAN SCHOOL POLICY MANUAL

## Talented and Gifted

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At Trinity Lutheran School our students are talented and gifted in diverse areas. We encourage and challenge all students to go above and beyond the required assignments and reward their effort. The board recognizes that some students require qualitative differentiated programming beyond the regular education program. The board, by faculty assessment and recommendation, shall identify students with special abilities and provide suitable educational programming.

The talented and gifted program aims at:

Providing instruction in problem solving and critical thinking skills;

Encouraging the development of and providing opportunities for using higher level thinking skills;

Encouraging creative thinking and expression in a variety of communication skills; and

Providing for aesthetic awareness and the ability for self-expression through artistic means.

In working to achieve these goals with the talented and gifted student, the faculty and parents may want to consider the following elements:

Providing a learning environment that will permit and encourage capable students to develop to their individual potential while interacting with intellectual peers;

Establishing a climate that values and enhances intellectual ability, talent, creativity, and decision-making; Encouraging capable students in developing and using abilities for self-appraisal, recognition of personal talents/interests, and setting short and long-term goals;

Assisting capable students in acquiring a sense of social responsibility in developing and using their special abilities;

Enhancing the development of leadership skills, social awareness, and personal responsibility;

Providing opportunities for and developing skills in independent study, self-directed learning and research; and

Providing linkages between meaningful tasks/class assignments and independent study/research.

All of this will be offered within the abilities and range of facilities of Trinity Lutheran School. Beyond this, parents would be informed of the offerings of the public school facility.