

**Certification Report
Advanced Learning
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School Lawton Elementary

Program Spectrum

Lawton Elementary School has a long history of serving Spectrum students. As a result, the teachers and school community are very experienced at providing for these advanced learners. All Spectrum teachers have participated in professional development in the areas of nature and needs of gifted learners, differentiated curriculum, and instructional strategies that are particularly effective for highly capable students.

At the primary grade level, grades 1 and 2, Spectrum students are grouped together for instruction in mathematics and reading across grade levels based on ability levels. In the intermediate grade level, grades 3-5, Spectrum students are clustered together with the designated Spectrum teacher at their grade level along with other high achieving students.

Strengths/Commendations

High-energy staff that understand the needs of the students
Clear dedication to the program by staff and administration

Areas to be Strengthened

Building robust numbers of students
Greater articulation of accelerated standards and understanding the continuum
Greater articulation of rigor as it presents itself in curricula and on-going student tasks