

**Certification Report
Advanced Learning
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School Muir Elementary

Program Spectrum

Our Spectrum program clusters district-identified students together in grade levels one through five. We have high expectations, accelerated standards, and a rigorous curriculum in each Spectrum class. Spectrum students in our program are those who have an enthusiasm for learning, show unusual ability in reading and mathematics, use different and imaginative ways of solving problems, take risks, show vast potential for development, and have an enhanced ability to think deeply about a variety of content.

John Muir is a culturally diverse setting where students are nurtured and learning is celebrated. Our staff believes in a team concept that involves the classroom, school, community, and Seattle Public Schools to reach our common goal of academic excellence for all students. Differentiated instruction includes an accelerated course of study in reading and mathematics for our advanced learners. John Muir's Mission is Academic Achievement for every student in every class, producing graduates who are lifelong learners.

Strengths/Commendations

Strong student numbers, especially in intermediate grades, to support classrooms of district-identified students

High-energy staff that demonstrate a clear understanding of student learning social/emotional needs

Clear dedication to the Spectrum program by staff and administration

Areas to be Strengthened

Greater articulation of accelerated standards and understanding of the continuum of GLEs

Greater articulation of rigor as it presents itself in curricula and on-going student tasks

Continued staff-development for Spectrum staff to support articulation across the grades