



Community Connections

For our children, our community, our world, our future

Important dates:

Nov. 11
Veterans' Day
Celebrated—
No School

Nov. 13
Join us for a
Cheney High
School Visit
1:00 p.m.
School Board
Meeting follows
4:00 p.m.

Nov. 21-26
11:30 Early
Dismissal—
Conferences

Nov. 22
No Late Start

Nov. 27
Early Dismissal

Nov. 28-29
Thanksgiving—
No School

Friends of Cheney Public Schools,

The children of our District benefit from an education program which includes a comprehensive guidance and counseling program. Earlier this year our Board of Directors approved a K-12 Counseling Adoption which is aligned with current state and national standards, and aligned with the American School Counselor Association (ASCA) model. The adoption was the culmination of a year of study completed by a team of professionals including classroom teachers, counselors, administrators, parents and EWU faculty.

The mission of the Cheney Public Schools Guidance and Counseling Program is to provide all students with consistent comprehensive guidance to encourage growth in their academic, person/social, and career development. This mission is accomplished by providing Direct Services: in-person interactions between school counselors and students and Indirect Services: services provided on behalf of students as a result of the school counselor's interactions with others, including referrals, consultation, and collaboration.

For example, at the elementary level our Direct Services model includes large group academic and personal/social guidance lessons. These lessons are delivered once a week per class based on curriculum which was selected for each grade level (Kelso's Choice, Second Step, Steps to Respect). The curriculum includes a focus on pro-social, personal safety, digital citizenship, and life skills to include drug/alcohol prevention. Direct services also include individual student planning and counseling on topics such as organization, grades, goal setting, attendance, personal/social interactions, and study skills/test taking skills. Our accomplished counselors also write and monitor 504 accommodation plans, collaborate with our school nurses regarding individual student health plans, and create individual student success plans. In addition, counselors serve and respond as crisis team members for the district.

You are welcome to visit with our counselors at each of our schools to learn more about the direct and indirect services they provide to our students. Thanks to your support of our schools, we are fortunate to staff each of our elementary schools with full time counselors.

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Debra J. Clemens, Ph.D.
Superintendent

Our essential foundations

- ★ High Expectations and Continuous Progress
- ★ Involvement and Engagement with School District Community
- ★ Stewardship and Planning

Cheney Middle School activities line: (509) 559-4488

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Cheney High School activities line: (509) 559-4120

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Counselors make a difference in the lives of our children

In addition to many topics on which our middle school counselors provide direct instruction, they introduce the important topic of careers to students in all grades.

In the 6th grade our counselors introduce students to career types and clusters that are suited to their interests using an interest inventory called "The Explorer Workbook." Then in 7th grade our students complete an on-line research component to The Explorer Workbook after learning about personality types that fit well in certain career clusters from a video titled "What Would I Be Good At?"

Our counselors follow up with another career interest inventory in the 8th grade titled "The Career Game" that utilizes an on-line research component for careers that fit their interests. These lessons support the career planning that students need to do in their middle level years to help them with their high school planning, course selection and future success.

At the student led conferences in the spring, students in all grade levels share the results of these inventories and the on-line work they have done with their parents.



Have you ever heard of ASCA?

ASCA is the American School Counselors Association. This association is committed to supporting school counselors' efforts to help students focus on

academic, personal/social and career development so they achieve success in school and are prepared to lead fulfilling lives as responsible members of society.

Lunchtime—not just for lunch anymore

One exciting component of the new counseling adoption is visible at Cheney High School—with our counselors spending time with students during lunch time to achieve their goal of serving ALL of our high school students. Our counselors are committed to an in-person interaction with each student in their grade level.

You may know that we have four counselors at our high school, and this staffing model allows our counselors the opportunity to follow their students throughout their high school experience. Our counselors get to know their students well, and are able to provide "spot-on" college and career planning guidance. The individual student planning that our counselors provide makes all the difference when it comes to helping students develop their high school and beyond plans.