



HIGHLY CAPABLE LEARNING PROGRAM

The Cheney Highly Capable program in the Middle School is an extension of the full inclusion model from the elementary level, with a greater emphasis on acceleration. For each identified student, a student learning plan (SLP) is developed at the beginning of each school year and is revisited during each conference. The purpose of the SLP is to ensure identified children receive the opportunities necessary to facilitate academic growth. At the middle school level, students are served through a variety of advanced course offerings and electives. A highly capable facilitator at each school reviews services provided to students annually to ensure students are participating in courses that challenge them academically.

What support can you provide at home?

- Encourage your child to adopt a growth mindset, seeing learning as a life-long journey that may have bumps in the road on the path to understanding.
- Support development of organizational and social-emotional skills, including time management and dealing with stress.
- Seek out opportunities for your child to explore his or her interests, and then make connections between these interests and the learning within the classroom.

Cheney Public Schools exists to guarantee a safe and caring environment where ALL students learn at high levels and graduate with options for post-secondary education, careers, and civic engagement.

Highly Capable Student Learning Plan

Facilitators work in conjunction with students to select projects and activities based on student areas of strength and interest. You may see some of the following on your student's plan (classes offered depend on the middle school your child attends.)

Acceleration in Math or English

Language Arts:

Advanced ELA, Advanced Math and Honors Algebra support students in learning content that is above their current grade level often in small groups with other advanced students. Placement in these courses is determined by test scores, highly capable strength area and number of sections of each course.

Special Classes for Extension:

Students work to expand their creativity and critical thinking skills in classes like Design & Modeling, Robotics, Amusement Park Fun (Physics), Game of Life, Computer Programming/Web Development, Mesa Science, Biomimicry, All the "Ologies", Anatomy & Physiology, Photo and Video, Marine Biology, Strategic Games, History of Sports, Knights & Castles, Communication, Manufacturing, Money Smart, Journalism, Vet Science, Nutrition and Wellness.

Musical Arts:

Advanced band, Honors choir, Strings, Advanced Percussion, Showstoppers (select choir), CHS Marching Band (by invitation).

Passion Projects:

Yearbook, BIPOC, National Junior Honors Society, ASB, Jazz Band, Science Club, Honor Guard, SAGA Club, Gaming Club, Sea Perch, Science Olympiad, Drama, Math is Cool, Robotics Club, Color Guard, Bio Med Club, WMS Pride Club, Dungeons and Dragons, Future Business Leaders of America, History Bee, Marshallese Dance Club, and other student voted clubs as well as Athletics (football, cross country, softball, wrestling, volleyball, basketball, track and field, baseball).

For questions about Highly Capable, please contact the office of the middle school your student attends-- Cheney Middle School at (509) 559-4479 or Westwood Middle School at (509) 559-4155-- to be directed to the Highly Capable Coordinator of each school.