



Gifted and Talented



POUDRE SCHOOL DISTRICT

Cache la Poudre IB Middle School



CLP's Gifted and Talented Program acknowledges the advanced student's personal, social, and academic needs and supports growth and achievement with differentiated learning in the classroom, extracurricular opportunities, and community-based experiences. CLP's GT coordinator and staff provide a responsive climate and relevant learning experiences that foster intellectual curiosity as well as critical and creative thinking for high student achievement. We provide opportunities for exploration of personal interest. CLP's GT Program helps students recognize and use their potential to become successful, self-directed learners.



<https://clp.psdschools.org/academics/gifted-and-talented>



Programming Opportunities for Gifted Learners

Advanced Learning Plan goals will be tied to International Baccalaureate MYP Objectives and Approaches to Learning (AtL) skills. These align nicely with the standards and skills the students will be choosing from for their specific ALP goal(s). Students have support for their affective goal built into their Olweus class, which meets on a rotating basis..



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Overview of the GT program at this school



CLP's GT Program:

- provides advanced learning experiences with appropriately higher learning standards.
- provides social and emotional guidance.
- acknowledges student strengths and interests and helps the student build on them to branch out in an interdisciplinary approach.
- applies to learning in each of the eight subject areas of our International Baccalaureate Middle Years Programme.
- guides the student in selecting enrichment, elective, and extra-curricular opportunities.
- believes in the importance of building the academic and social/emotional needs of all students through a variety of enrichment experiences in and out of the classroom. This work is grounded in the framework of IB Approaches to Learning and Approaches to Teaching.

Advanced Learning Plan process at this school



Students collaborate with staff to determine their goal(s) for the academic year. Parents may meet with the student and coordinator to provide input on this plan. Goal choices vary from year to year. ALP paperwork is sent home in the second quarter and again in May.

Programming opportunities for GT students



- Accelerated Math and Spanish in all grades with possibility of earning high school credit.
- Honors English, Social Studies and Science in 7th grade and 8th grade.
- Grouping patterns in all classes (flexible, cluster and ability).
- Appropriate pacing through acceleration and curriculum compacting, and differentiated curriculum, instruction, and assessment.
- Enrichment opportunities through field trips and in school activities.
- Extended Learning Opportunity classes that address student interest.
- Independent passion projects and Community Projects (8th grade).

Enrichment opportunities for GT students during school



For more information regarding some course descriptions, please visit our Academics Tab at CLPMS's website at: clp.psdschools.org

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| • Small group GT meetings | • Choir | • Book Club Enrichment |
| • Field Trips | • Differentiated Instruction in Art | • Current World Affairs Enrichment |
| • Science Olympiad Enrichment | • Exploring Engineering; Exploring Robotics; | • Creative Writing/Poetry Enrichment |
| • Lego Robotics Enrichment | • Technology Electives/Enrichments | • Community Project |
| • Band/Orchestra | • Leadership Enrichment | • Quiz Bowl |
| • Photography | • GT book club | • Chess Enrichment |
| • WEB Leaders (Navigators) | | • Yearbook |
| • Peers mentoring | | |

** These are offered depending on school scheduling.*

Enrichment opportunities for GT students after school



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| • Lego Robotics | • Modern Rock Band |
| • Athletics | • National Junior Honor Society |
| • Pirate Tutorial | • Give Next |
| | • Travel abroad |

Affective programming for GT students



The Gifted and Talented Program at Cache La Poudre Middle School recognizes the GT student's affective characteristics and provides individual support through the Counseling Office, the GT Program, and through grade level teacher teams, grounded in the framework of IB Approaches to Learning skills. The GT Program provides opportunities for students to discuss struggles and achievements in a safe environment with a trusted adult and/or other GT students with similar needs. Students have a choice to work on an affective goal for their ALP.

Grade-specific GT services



- 6th grade students have the opportunity to receive advanced placement math instruction. Honors classes in the other content areas become available in 7th grade.
- 7th and 8th grade students have the opportunity to participate in any of the offerings described above based on availability and placement criteria.

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