



# Gifted and Talented



POUDRE SCHOOL DISTRICT

## Webber Middle School



Webber Middle School's gifted and talented program supports and challenges students to learn and grow to their highest, unique potential. Grounded in a whole child approach, we offer learning opportunities that encourage exploration in areas of interest, foster critical and creative thinking skills, develop intellectual curiosity, promote academic achievement, and provide relevant learning experiences while creating a responsive climate for gifted and talented learners. Gifted and talented students benefit from being part of our caring, motivated, involved community.

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



**120**

GT students

**729**

Total student enrollment



### Programming Opportunities for Gifted Learners

Webber provides opportunities for students to experience appropriate pacing through acceleration and curriculum both in heterogeneous classes and Honors classes with high ability peers. Students work with their content area teachers to select skills and performance goals to measure their growth throughout the year.



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**Overview of the GT program at this school**



**Webber Middle School's GT Program:**

- Provides advanced learning experiences with appropriately higher learning standards.
- Provides social and emotional guidance.
- Acknowledges strengths and interests and helps the student build on them to branch out in an interdisciplinary approach.
- Guides the student in selecting enrichment, elective, and extra-curricular opportunities.
- We stress 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.

**Advanced Learning Plan process at this school**



We offer three pathways of exploration for students to complement their academic experience throughout the year, designed to help students evolve into their optimal self. These pathways will be supported through school offerings as well as independently driven outside of school. The pathways include: academic pathway, service-learning pathway, and/or the social-emotional pathway. Activities offered inside these pathways include book studies, academic and social-emotional pop-up groups, support/enrich sessions with core teachers, occasional field trips, inter-school academic competitions, and other independently-driven suggestions for ways to improve academic and social/emotional well-being.

**Enrichment opportunities for GT students during school**



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| ● Symphonic Band & Orchestra             | ● Choir Electives   | ● Book Club Enrichment               |
| ● Yearbook                               | ● Digital Photography   | ● Various Field Trips                |
| ● Jazz Band & Jazz Orchestra             | ● Differentiated Instruction in Art   | ● Creative Writing/Poetry Enrichment |
| ● Science Olympiad                       | ● Pottery   | ● WEB Leaders                        |
| ● Lego Robotics Enrichment               | ● Crafts & Jewelry  | ● Anthropology                       |
| ● Webber Aerospace Ventures in Education | ● Technology Electives/Enrichments (computers, 3D design; 21st century media; gaming) | ● Spanish Language                   |
|  |   | ● Yoga                               |
|  |   | ● Outdoor Living                     |
|  |   | ● Environmental Education            |
|  |   | ● Choir                              |

*\* These are offered depending on school scheduling.*

**Enrichment opportunities for GT students before or after school**



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| ● Science Olympiad                    | ● Various athletics activities: tennis, golf, cross country, track, basketball, volleyball, wrestling, softball |
| ● Science Bowl                        |   |
| ● International Service Learning Trip | ● Webber Aerospace Ventures in Education  |
| ● Musical Theatre Production & Drama  |   |

**Affective programming for GT students**

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The Gifted and Talented Program at Webber Middle School offers students a variety of roles within our community such as connecting with future Webber Panthers currently in elementary school, tutoring, WEB leaders and monthly book studies provide opportunities for GT students to work in small group settings tackling affective topics through fiction and nonfiction texts.

## Grade-specific GT services



- 6th grade: Honors English 6, accelerated Math pathway
- 7th grade: Honors English 7, accelerated Math pathway
- 8th grade: Honors English 8, accelerated Math pathway (high school credit available), Honors Science 8, school-based service learning opportunities (student aide, etc.), high school transition support

