# Bethel School District
## *Continuum of Highly Capable Services*

Students who qualify for highly capable programs will remain in a program and progress through this continuum without retesting unless they go through a formal exit process (see *Exit Policy & Procedures* section in this packet.) Students who qualify based on this year's referral and testing will automatically be placed into programs next year.

## ELEMENTARY SCHOOL PROGRAMS

Student programs include differentiation, Challenge, or Endeavour

**Challenge (Grades 1 - 5 Pull-Out Program):** *Challenge* is a 1-day per week pull-out program. Students are bused from their home school to Camas Prairie Elementary where they attend class with peers from other elementary schools. Buses return to the home school at the end of the school day. While at *Challenge*, students focus on lessons and projects that require critical thinking. Students participate in creative problem solving through performance projects, puzzles, mind –benders, and class activities. In addition, both fiction and research writing are emphasized.

**Endeavour (Grades 3-5 Full-Time):** Students who qualify for the Challenge program may apply for enrollment in the *Endeavour* program. *Endeavour* is a full-day, full-week setting for highly capable students who may need more than 1-day per week highly capable services. This program is available in 3rd – 5th Grade. *Endeavour* is located at Pioneer Valley Elementary. Students who are accepted into the program are bused from their homes and back. In addition to meeting grade-level requirements, students learn new and higher-level concepts.

**Differentiation in Classroom (K-5):** Students receive differentiation in the classroom setting and/or advancement in the core subjects.

## MIDDLE SCHOOL PROGRAMS

Student programs include one or both of the following programs.

**Honors English Language Arts and Social Studies(Grades 6-8):** Highly Capable students are enrolled in the Honors English Language Arts and in some schools Honors Social Studies. Students work with similar topics as other classes, but at more depth and faster pace. Integrated projects are often included in these courses. 8th grade students participate in district level History Day with the option of school participation in the regional history day.

**Advanced Math:** Students are placed in above grade-level mathematics for all who qualify in the area of mathematics.

## HIGH SCHOOL PROGRAMS

Student programs include the following. Students work with counselors and advisors to develop their 4-year plan for course of study.

**Cambridge (Grades 9 -12):** The Cambridge Assessment International Education Program offers an international pre-university curriculum and examination system that emphasizes the value of a broad and balanced education for academically able students. The program is housed at Bethel High School. A separate application process is required for enrollment in this program. More information about the Cambridge program in Bethel School District can be found at https://www.bethelsd.org/domain/3979.

**Advanced Placement (Grades 9*-12):** Advanced Placement (AP - CollegeBoard) courses give students access to rigorous college-level work. AP students build confidence and learn the essential time management and study skills needed for college and career success. AP courses provide the opportunity to dig deeper into subjects that interest them, develop advanced research and communication skills, and learn to tap their creative, problem-solving, and analytical potential. AP courses are available in multiple subjects in grades 11-12 (additional AP social studies course available in 10th grade) for all students meeting the prerequisites. These courses prepare students for AP exams. *In some special cases after consultation with the student, parents, and school, it may be determined that a student can be accelerated into an upper level Advanced Placement class in the 9th grade.

**College in the High School:** An increasing number of our Bethel courses often the ability to earn college credit in addition to the high school credit. More information is available on our course catalog in the College in the High School pages.

**Advanced Math (Grades 9-12):** Students are placed in above grade-level mathematics for all who qualify in the area of mathematics.

**Running Start (Grades 11-12):** Running Start is intended to provide students a program option consisting of attendance at certain institutions of higher education and the simultaneous earning of high school and college/university credit. Running Start Students and their families do not pay tuition, but they do pay college fees and buy their own books, as well as provide their own transportation. Students receive both high school and college credit for these classes and therefore accelerate their progress through the education system.