

## **Dean Morgan Junior High CHALLENGE PROGRAM**

**Goal** - The Challenge Program is designed to provide an appropriate educational experience for the 6th, 7th, and 8th grade students characterized as having the ability to understand abstract problems, solve problems independently and with relative ease, grasp and process information quickly, and fluently use language to express their ideas. These students should also possess an attitude that demonstrates motivation initiative, commitment, independence, and a natural curiosity towards learning.

The Challenge Program will provide learning experiences including curricular acceleration, in-depth investigation, interdisciplinary study, development of higher-order thinking skills, and independent learning skills to capitalize on student strengths. The program is designed to enhance students thinking skills, creativity, awareness of self and others, independent study skills, and leadership potential.

**Enrollment** - Enrollment in the Challenge Program is open to 6th, 7th and 8th grade students. Students must display academic performance on a consistently high level based upon NWEA, PAWS, SAWS and classroom performance. Students anticipating enrollment should also possess good social skills, motivation to learn, self-discipline, and intellectual curiosity. Students are expected to maintain an A or B average to remain in a challenge class.

**Curriculum** - The Challenge Program curriculum will consist of two sections for each grade level in 6th, 7th and 8th grades in the areas of mathematics, science, social studies, reading and language arts. Students will be invited to enroll based upon their assessment performance in one, two, three, four, or five subjects depending on areas of interest and strength.