***Rockingham County Public Schools***

***Challenge Program***

***Grades 9-12***

The needs of intellectually gifted students are addressed in a variety of ways in grades 9-12 in the Rockingham County Public schools:

**Academic Programs offered in each high school:**

* \*Advanced/Honors Classes: Academic challenge is provided through advanced and honors classes in English, Mathematics, Social Science, and Science.
* \* Advanced Placement: AP English, AP French, AP Spanish, AP Government, AP Calculus, AP Biology, AP History and AP Art classes are offered.
* \*College Credit: Dual Enrollment is available to students who choose to take college level course work at one of the area colleges or universities, or through an approved on-line university to meet high school graduation requirements. Some Dual enrollment classes (example 12th English) are offered at the high school level. Detailed information is available from the counseling center.
* \*Electives: Electives such as Creative Writing, Ecology and Natural Resources, Photojournalism, Research and Inquiries into Science, Current Affairs, and course work in the fine and practical arts, business, and technology provide students opportunities to extend and enhance individual interests.

**Challenge services offered in each high school:**

* Provide direct services through student individual meetings to meet Challenge goals for that grade level.  More meeting opportunities are available if needed by the student.
* Initiate and facilitate Challenge eligibility process including testing, interview, and parent/teacher consultation.
* Provide seminar topics, focusing on enrichment, career goals, personal development, SAT preparation, and college readiness topics, which could include periodic pull-outs for guest speakers and evening programs to include parents.
* Provide information and needed assistance for Summer Residential and Massanutten Regional Governor’s School selection process.
* Support Destination Imagination to develop creative problem solving skills and, in some cases, other school organizations such as National Honor Society.

\*Open to ALL students