

## CSKYWLA Middle School Gifted and Talented Required Curriculum Include:

- Science Fair (Science)
- Social Studies Fair - National History Day (Social Studies)
- Debate Team/Mock Trial (Language Arts)
- Stock Market Game/Banking (Math)



## Other Elective Academic Clubs & Activities:

- Afterschool All-stars
- Drama Club
- Cheerleading
- Soccer
- Tennis
- Dance
- Track
- Basketball
- Volleyball
- Science Club
- Beta Club
- Mu Alpha Theta
- Softball
- Bee Keeper's Club
- Sewing club
- Race2Read (reading club)
- Band
- Student Government Association
- Student Advisory Council
- Governor's Honors Program

**Mock Trial**-Mock trial participants prepare a simulated civil or criminal case. Students engage in the role of witnesses, jurors, or lawyers in a process that culminates in a series of competitive trial-offs simulating real-life court before observants/judges.

**National History Day Club**- National History Day (NHD) is a program to help students practice research and critical thinking skills, elements important to their future, in the workplace, and school with an advisor to assist.

**Debate – (Cultivate and Motivate)** Standing on the podium and shooting off rebuttals is a common scene in debating. Yet, more takes place behind the scenes. Preparation for debates consists of researching, formulating arguments and rebuttals in addition to writing speeches. These elements offer debaters numerous benefits, namely fostering critical thinking, effective communication in the form of reading, writing, researching, speaking and listening, team spirit, etc. By participating in debating, students are provided multiple opportunities to cultivate these skills. Students learn to respond to opponents instantly with convincing evidence-based responses whenever a question is raised. In no uncertain terms, this technique, coupled with critical thinking skills, are exceptionally useful in preparedness to be College and Career-Ready.