Discover Cloquet Schools,
where caring for students
is not just an idea,
it’s tradition.

A+ Education

Academics  Arts  Athletics
Pre-kindergarten
Learning begins at birth, and we appreciate our youngest learners!

Cloquet schools offer numerous options for children prior to their entering kindergarten. Any family member or guardian can help connect a child to their future school by calling 879-1261 or email: commed@cloquet.k12.mn.us

Developmental kindergarten
– Created to meet the needs of children who would benefit from a year of development and growth in an enriched, preparatory kindergarten classroom.

Early Childhood Screening
– Is available for children 3 to 5 years old. This one-time, screening helps you know that your child is on the road to being prepared for kindergarten. It’s fun, free and fast! Parents are encouraged to have their child screened as early as possible.

Li’l Lumberjacks Learning Center
– Convenient, flexible, state-of-the-art childcare with an optional preschool component available to everyone. Located at Cloquet High School. For ages 6 weeks to the first day of kindergarten.

Li’l Thunder Learning Center
– Convenient, flexible, state-of-the-art childcare with a preschool component available to everyone. Located at Fond du Lac Tribal and Community College. Serving children 16 months to first day of kindergarten.

ECFE classes
– A special time for a parent or guardian and young child.
  • Baby and You – prenatal to 9 months
  • Wonderful Ones – 10 to 18 months
  • Amazing Twos – 19 to 29 months
  • Mixed Ages Class – 10 to 48 months
  • Creative Kids – 30 months and older
  • Me and My Guy – Special activities and field trips geared for young children and their father, grandfather or special guy.
  • Grandparents Class – For grandparents and grandchildren. Time to play with the children and give and receive support from other grandparents.

Time for Tots
– A positive and comprehensive preschool experience for children ages 36 months to kindergarten enrollment. Emphasis on skills needed to prepare for a successful kindergarten experience. Two and three day options available. Busing options with Kids Corner Childcare are available for the three day per week class.
Cloquet kindergarten students attend class at either Churchill or Washington Elementary Schools. Cloquet offers full-day kindergarten to all students at no extra cost to families.

Cloquet kindergarten offers great teachers and more... including a full-day schedule at no cost to families.

“Full-day kindergarten provides our youngest students more time to explore, learn, and grow in an engaging and supportive environment. The National Educational Association understands this is an important start to a lifetime of learning and academic achievement.”
—NEA President Dennis Van Roekel

Kindergarten Round-Up
An important start to a great year

Children who will attend kindergarten in the fall should attend kindergarten round-up in the spring. It’s a chance to get to know the teachers, school and kindergarten classroom. Parents receive lots of important information about kindergarten and school in general.

To find out the round-up date, call Washington Elementary 879-3369, or Churchill Elementary 879-3308.

A+ Academics
• Research-based reading and math curriculums.
• Individualized instruction based on abilities, interests and needs.
• Academic challenges for advanced students.
• More time for hands-on help for students.
• Library time with our on-staff media specialist.
• American Indian Education program provides Ojibwe language and culture teaching.

A+ Arts
• Art and music classes taught by specialists in each area.
• Enriched classroom environments, filled with creative art materials.

A+ Athletics
• Gym class taught by a physical education teacher.
• Daily recess opportunities – running, playing and moving helps kids prepare to learn.

Technology, plus...
• Students access the computer lab.
• Social benefits of a full day schedule allows more time for friendship building and increased social skills.
The Elementary Years –

Grades 1 through 5

Cloquet has two elementary schools: Churchill and Washington. We are proud that overall, our academic successes have made us a leader in state testing scores.

Accelerated Reader (AR) Program – Web-based, user friendly, enhances the regular reading curriculum and boosts reading comprehension.

Summer Accelerated Reader – Option for families to continue AR throughout the summer.

Challenging and rigorous core curriculum in reading and math.

Hands-on software provides extended opportunities to increase math skills.

Media specialist promotes use of the library and a love of reading.

Hands-on science curriculum.

American Indian Education program provides Ojibwe language, academic support, tutoring and culture teaching.

Power Lunch reading program pairs students with a reading mentor for more reading practice.

Supplemental and intervention curriculums for students needing extra help.

Title One program targets services to students based on need.

Support block scheduling in reading and math allows for small group work and more individualized instruction for all students of all ability levels.


Inventor’s Fair – Grades 4 & 5.

Arts

• Art specialist on staff at each school.
• Music specialist works with all grade levels.
• Artist-in-residence programs augment regular fine art curriculums.
• After school creative enrichment classes (fee based/waivers available).
The Accelerated Reader Program helps my kids find books to read that are exactly at the right level for their abilities. And, it tests them on comprehension, so we all know they are understanding what they read.” – a parent

Technology
- SMARTboards in use in all classrooms grades 1 – 5.
- Music and art rooms equipped with SMARTboards.
- SMARTboard certified trainer assists all staff to fully use available technology.
- Two computer labs at each school.
- Computers in every classroom.

Athletics
- Physical education teacher gears gym classes to meet needs of individual grades.
- After school enrichment (fee-based) allows opportunities to get out and get moving - activities include mini golf, bowling, floor hockey and downhill skiing.
- Large outdoor play spaces for recess fun and more.

Other ways we are working to make our schools the best they can be
- Climate of kindness supported throughout our schools, with anti-bullying education and policies.
- School counselor on staff in both elementary schools.
- Americorps workers introduce students to a service project, which often includes community outreach and helping others less fortunate.
- Kids Corner – School Age Childcare provided right at school. Eliminates busing and transition to another location. Open 6 a.m. to 6 p.m. Monday through Friday. School year & summer.
- Success for the Future programs offer grades three and older opportunities to learn about Ojibwe culture.
- Parent groups, known as Partners In Education (or PIE) are active at both schools.
- Food service has a focus on healthy meals and participates in the Farm 2 School Program, which supports the use of locally grown produce.
The Middle School Years –

Grades 6 through 8

Cloquet Middle School takes students from grade 6 through 8. In order to help ease the transition into middle school, the sixth grade classrooms are self-contained and are located together on one wing of the school. In seventh and eighth grades, students begin the day with their homeroom advisor, facilitating continuity, consistency and a positive relationship with a teacher that spans two years.

Academics

- Accelerated Reader (AR) Program – Web-based, user friendly program.
- Opportunities for gifted and talented students.
- Our science curriculum, programs and teachers have led to outstanding student achievement and success, including strong participation in regional, state and national science fairs.
- Regional American Indian Science Fair and National American Indian Science Fair.
- Team NRG (pronounced energy) explores alternative energy sources.
- Our science classrooms boast state-of-the-art science equipment.
- Study Island is an online program used in conjunction with the curriculum to strengthen math skills.
- Ojibwe language classes, academic support and tutoring.
- Accelerated math classes.
- Math Counts – math team.
- Media specialist on staff.
- Future Problem Solvers.
- Destination Imagination.
- Geography Bee.
- Spelling Bee.
- Knowledge Bowl.
- Quiz Bowl.

Arts and other creative opportunities

- Choir.
- Band.
- Art specialist on staff.
- Industrial technology classes.
- Family and consumer science – teaches cooking and sewing.
- Artist-in-residence brings visiting artists to our school.
“The middle school years are about figuring out who you are, what you value and how you can make a difference. At CMS we do our best to not only prepare our students academically, but also provide them with opportunities to develop self worth, character and compassion.”
Jamie Jazdzewski, CMS guidance counselor

Technology
- SMARTboard implementation in all sixth grade classrooms.
- SMARTboards in use in seventh and eighth grades in science, social studies, art and music.
- Computer lab located in the media center.

Athletics
- Swimming lessons provided during physical education class to all students.
- Physical education teachers work to promote activity and healthy lifestyles.
- After school sports available through the school starting in grade 7: Football, Volleyball, Basketball, Tennis, Swimming, Cross Country Running, Nordic Skiing, Alpine Skiing, Wrestling and Golf.
- Other sports available through community-run organizations.

Other offerings
- Rachel’s Challenge is a program that works to inspire, equip and empower every person to create a positive environment within our school.
- WEB – Where Everybody Belongs is a transition program that helps sixth grade students feel comfortable during their first year of middle school – and beyond.
- Leadership-building opportunities through Student Council.
- School counselor.
- School yearbook.
- Media specialist on-site.
- Americorp workers introduce students to the idea of community outreach and helping others.
- Success for the Future, Anishinaabe Quiz Bowl integrates the Ojibwe language and culture in academic tutoring and college career planning.
- Organized after school activities through Cloquet Community Education and Recreation.
The High School Years –

**Cloquet High School**

High school spans the years when students are immersed in school, activities and fun while at the same time beginning to think about the future. At Cloquet, career and course guidance – along with life skills and team spirit – help young adults make their best decisions. Students take pride in graduating from Cloquet High School – home of the Lumberjacks!

A+ **Academics**

- Our college entrance exam scores are consistently above state and national averages.
- Honors classes provide academic challenges and are graded under a weighted system.
- Opportunities for gifted and talented students.
- Participation in regional, state and national science fairs.
- Ojibwe language classes, academic support and tutoring.
- Regional American Indian Science Fair and National American Indian Science Fair.
- Future Problem Solvers.
- Destination Imagination.
- Geography Bee.
- Spelling Bee.
- Knowledge Bowl.
- Math Team.

A+ **Arts**

- Art specialist on staff; classes in: drawing, photography, painting, ceramics and sculpture.
- Artist-in-residence programs bring visiting artists to CHS.
- Graphic design and web design using state-of-the-art software.
- Band.
- Pep band.
- Choir.
- Madrigal choral group.
- Theater – fall musical, spring play.
The LINK Crew is a transition program that welcomes freshmen and helps them feel comfortable at Cloquet High School.

A broad range of over 60 extracurricular activities ensures that there is something here for everyone.

SUCCESS FOR THE FUTURE integrates the Ojibwe language and culture, tutoring, college and career planning and Anishinaabe Quiz Bowl.

AGE to age partners students with senior citizens to engage in community projects and outreach.

Visiting foreign exchange students give students a glimpse into the world.

Special trips to other countries. Recent venues included: England, France, Spain, Morocco, Germany & Costa Rica.

Trips within the U.S. included New York and Chicago.

Russian Club.

German Club.

Chess Club.

Yearbook.

School Newspaper, “The Axe.”

Student Council.

Executive Boards.

Junior Rotarians.

National Honor Society.

Anime (animation) Club.

Mock Trial.
Preparing for a career after high school –

**College and careers at CHS**

At CHS the class offerings and program opportunities give students a choice on how to make their high school years work best for them.

**College in the Schools (CIS)**

Cloquet’s College in the Schools program is second to none in the Northland. CIS allows students in their junior and senior year to earn college credit while attending high school – at no cost to families. Students can earn up to 74 college credits — all before graduating from high school!

**Classes available for college credit:**
- American Government
- Anatomy Physiology I & II
- Basic Drafting/Basic CAD
- Calculus
- College Accounting
- College Algebra/Trigonometry
- College Writing Studies
- Digital Photography
- Economics and Society
- First Responder & Health Occupations
- General Chemistry I
- German III & IV
- Introduction to Criminal Justice & Related Careers
- Introduction to Nursing/Medical Terminology
- Introduction to Physics I
- Money Matters
- Music Theory
- Romanticism and Revolution
- Spanish III & IV
- Welding and Machine Shop
- World of Work II

These graduates earned well over 200 college credits combined. They have a great start and are well prepared for college.

**Tuition rates**

- **How much can you save through College in the Schools?**
  - A student who graduates with 30 college credits not only has a jump start on a successful college experience, he or she has saved a substantial amount in tuition costs:
    - University of Minnesota - Duluth — savings of $10,950
    - Bemidji State University — savings of $6,900
    - University of Wisconsin - Superior — savings of $9,150

*Amounts listed are based on per credit fees, spring 2011 for each school. UWS amount is based on Minnesota student with reciprocity.

**CHS juniors and seniors earn approximately**

2,000 college credits each year, or $730,000 savings in tuition costs.
(Based on UMD 2011 tuition costs.)

**Post-Secondary Enrollment Option (PSEO)**

In addition to College in the Schools, Cloquet provides students with another option for completing college coursework. Through the Post-Secondary Enrollment Option (PSEO), students in their junior or senior year may attend a college and earn credits there.

Students may take PSEO courses on a full or part-time basis. Each college and/or university that offers PSEO sets their own requirements for enrollment into the program.

PSEO is also a great way to save on tuition costs.
High school classes that help students decide

Technically, all class offerings aim students toward their future goals. Some classes provide specific knowledge and hands-on learning opportunities to help CHS students make educated decisions about their future school and career choices.

These include:
- Advanced accounting appreciation
- Advanced biology
- Analytical geometry
- Auto mechanics I and II
- Band
- Business buzz
- Calculus
- Ceramics and sculpture
- Choir
- College accounting
- College algebra
- College American government
- College chemistry
- College economics
- College German
- College music theory
- College photography
- College physics
- College prep
- College Spanish
- Computer creations/graphics
- Create-a-web
- Drafting/auto CAD
- Drawing
- Emergency response/first response
- Family and consumer science courses
- Health occupations
- Honors English
- Honors Speech
- Human anatomy/physiology
- Introduction to criminal justice and related careers
- Introduction to nursing
- Introduction to theater
- Li’l Lumberjacks cadet
- Medical terminology
- Money matters
- Multimedia madness
- Painting
- Senior on-the-job worksite experience
- UMD romanticism and revolution
- UMD writing studies
- Welding and machine shop
- World of work I and II
- Woodworking I and II

“I definitely feel that the English curriculum in Cloquet prepared me for college. When I got to college and was expected to write a paper, I used the techniques I learned in high school. I brought my paper to the College Writing Center to make sure I was on the right track. When the tutor there found out I was a freshman, he was astounded. He said I handled the style, format and topic very well. Then I told him I was from Cloquet and he said that he finds that students from Cloquet have a big advantage over other college freshmen because of our writing skills. Thank you, Cloquet!”

Sydnee Burud Erickson, CHS graduate

On-the-Job Program – world of work

Cloquet’s On-the-Job training meets the needs of students who learn by doing and are interested in gaining hands-on career experience while in high school. This program integrates classroom learning with work-site training by partnering with local business and industry representatives as well as Fond du Lac Tribal and Community College and Lake Superior College. Students begin the two-year program during their junior year.

Six career pathways are available:
- Arts & Communications
- Business & Management
- Environmental & Natural Resources
- Health Services
- Industrial & Technology
- Social, Family, Consumer Services
While small, viewed from a metropolitan perspective, Cloquet is the largest city (pop. 11,479) in Carlton County, a rural community in northeastern Minnesota. Cloquet Public School District, ISD 94, serves approximately 2,400 resident and non-resident K-12 students, of which 18% are American Indian students, the majority of whom identify with the Ojibwe heritage rich within the Fond du Lac Reservation. Cloquet Public Schools serves the communities of Cloquet and Scanlon and welcomes open enrollment of out-of-district students.

### District enrollment:
- Approximately 2,400 students
- CHS: 700 students
- CMS: 520 students
- Churchill: 500 students
- Washington: 580 students
- Cloquet Area Alternative Education Programs: 100 students

### Facts about Cloquet Schools

**A cut above: special programs and services**
- Northern Lights Special Education Cooperative provides a full range of special education services.
- The Cloquet Area Alternative Education Programs offer at-risk students (grades 3 - 12) an alternative setting for completing their education.
- Parent Portal provides access to student records online, 24/7.
- Cloquet American Indian Education Program’s mission is to address the unique educational and culturally related academic needs of American Indian students. Programs are active in each of the five schools within the Cloquet school district and offer academic support groups, one-on-one tutoring as well as home-school liaison services. Tribal enrollment of the student, parent or grandparent qualifies a student for program services.
- American Indian Education also brings the customs and culture of the Ojibwe to all students.

**Cloquet Educational Foundation (CEF)**
The Cloquet Educational Foundation is the only foundation solely dedicated to providing grants and funding to programs that benefit the educational opportunities of Cloquet students from birth through high school graduation. We work in partnership with Cloquet Public Schools and the community to accomplish our goals.

CEF funding does not replace school district responsibilities. It works to enhance district dollars by providing necessary support for prioritized educational initiatives and creative and innovative programs. The CEF has distributed more than $600,000 in grant funds in support of learning opportunities. [www.cloquetfoundation.org](http://www.cloquetfoundation.org)

**A note on technology:**
Technology education is embedded within all instructional areas and is rarely taught as a stand-alone process. One of the best tools to accomplish this in Cloquet has been with the SMARTBoard, an interactive presentation tool that is attached to the wall of a classroom and becomes a five-foot monitor when connected to a computer and digital projector.

Cloquet is committed to offering students the most current technical tools so they are prepared to enter the workforce or higher education with a solid understanding of how to use technology efficiently and effectively.

**We appreciate parents!**
- PIE Group (Partners in Education) at Churchill and Washington.
- Shared Decision Making Team is teachers, administrators and parents working together to make decisions on a variety of school issues.
- District Advisory Council.
- Countless opportunities to volunteer at school.
- Parent-teacher conferences twice each year.
Building directory:

Administration Office: 879-6721  
Churchill: 879-3308  
Washington: 879-3369  
Middle School: 879-3328  
Senior High: 879-3393  
Cloquet Area Alternative Education Programs: 879-0115  
Community Education and Recreation: 879-1261  
Northern Lights Special Education Cooperative: 879-1283

Additional numbers:

Activities/Athletics: 879-3393  
Bus Transportation: 879-1291  
Cloquet Educational Foundation: 879-3806  
College in the Schools: 879-3393  
Community/School Resources: 879-3806  
District Nurse: 879-3393  
Student Health: 879-3393  
Buildings & Grounds: 879-6721  
Food Service Program: 879-5164  
Gifted & Talented Program: 879-3328  
American Indian Education: 879-1457  
Parent Portal information: 879-6721  
Technology information: 879-6721

Community Education Programs that enhance our schools:

- After School Activities, Middle School: 879-1261  
- After School Enrichment, Churchill Elementary: 879-3308  
- After School Enrichment, Washington Elementary: 879-3369  
- Early Childhood Screening: 879-9291  
- ECFE/Time for Tots: 879-9291  
- Kids Corner School Age Child Care: 879-0929  
- Li’l Lumberjacks/Li’l Thunder Learning Centers: 878-0774  
- Recreation and Facility Use Before/After School: 879-1261

Youth Sports Association contacts can be found on the district website.

For additional information on Cloquet Public Schools please visit our website at:

www.cloquet.k12.mn.us

School Board

School Board meetings are held on the second and fourth Monday of each month at 6:00 p.m. unless otherwise posted. The meetings are held in the Board Room located on the second floor at 302 14th Street, Cloquet. All meetings are open to the public.
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