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SEARCH Program Information and Criteria for Selection

The SEARCH (Scholastic Enrichment and Resource for Children in Huntington) program is a 5th and 6th grade pull-out enrichment program at both Jack Abrams and Woodhull in which students participate in a hands-on curriculum that both extends the learning in their classroom and exposes them to new topics. Some of these topics include genetics, mock trial, the science and engineering of flights, forensics, mythology, and natural disasters. Students participate in SEARCH once a week for an 80 minute block with Mrs. Jessica Risalvato, the SEARCH teacher. In addition to the aforementioned curricular units, students will also have the opportunity to experience field trips and enter the following competitions:

- Toshiba Exploravision (<https://www.exploravision.org/>)
- National History Day Contest (<https://www.nhd.org/>)

Several criteria are used to determine a child's eligibility for this two year program. The OLSAT test, a 40 minute multiple choice test given at the end of 4th grade, is an important part of our assessment, but not the only factor we use. We endeavor to look at each child holistically and use both objective and subjective criteria. Specifically, in addition to the OLSAT, we use the state 4th grade ELA and math test scores, qualitative and quantitative classroom performance assessments, and teacher recommendations in making the decision. Once it has been determined that your child has successfully met the criteria, SEARCH acceptance letters will be sent home in early October.