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GOFF MIDDLE SCHOOL ENRICHMENT PROGRAM
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Dear Parents and Teachers ,

As we begin to plan the students' transition to Goff Middle School, we look at the programs and activities that are available to students. All sixth grade students are placed in core (English, ELS, social studies, science, and math) and encore (technology, home and careers, art, and music) classes. Many classes offer extended learning opportunities beyond the basic curriculum.

The students have the opportunity to sign up for band, chorus or orchestra. Band and orchestra students are also given instrumental lessons in small groups. Additional experiences available to all students before and after school include Art Club, Dome Club, Drama Club, Garden Club, Internet Club, Jazz Band, Math Counts, Peer Leadership, Science Olympiad, SADD, Ski Club, International Club, Student Council, Intramural Sports, T.V. Studio, and Best Buddies.

An Enrichment Pull-Out Program is offered to identified students who are in need of additional interest based challenging programs. The students are pulled out of a class at least once a week to work with other students who have similar interests. Some of the students get involved in competitions such as Future City, Lego, or Spelling Bee while others are involved in learning about topics of interest such as Psychology, Criminology, Ballroom Dancing, and Philosophy. The units of study and competitions vary and change periodically.

We are looking to screen students for the Pull-Out Program who possess the characteristics described under the gifted child column of the "Is My Child Gifted" attachment as well as students who display above average abilities and can be pulled out of classes without having it affect their grades or class work.

The screening for participation in the Enrichment Pull-Out Program consists of three parts:

1. The student's parents must complete the Home Rating Scales for Identifying Gifted Students
2. The student's teachers must complete the School Rating Scales for Identifying Gifted Students
3. The students take the Kaufman Brief Intelligence Test (KBIT).

To be identified for the Enrichment Pull-Out Program the student's scores must be in the 90th percentile in 4 out of the 7 scores from the Home or School Rating Scales. They must also score in the 90th percentile in 2 of the 3 KBIT scores. A letter will be mailed home notifying parents of the screening results. Once a student has been identified for the Middle School Enrichment Program he/she will continue in the program through eighth grade.

All currently identified talent pool students who were screened more than a year ago need to be re-screened for the middle school program. If you have a student who is not currently identified for the Enrichment Program and has not been screened in the past eighteen months, that you feel may meet the criteria, please nominate that student for screening. All teachers are requested to forward the names of students who should be screened for the Middle School Enrichment Program.

Thank you for your time and cooperation.