

Springfield Scholars Program 2022-2023



SCHOLARS HISTORY

1996 A group of seven 7th grade students and one teacher relocated from the WINGS full-time elementary program at Phelps to Central High School.

Over the past 25 years, enrollment and interest in the Scholars program has continued to increase.

2022 Currently, the Scholars program serves 120 students in grades six through eight.

Each year, the number of applicants exceeds the number of allotted placements.

SCHOLARS COURSE CONTENT

Scholars students are enrolled in courses integrating the Major Instructional Goals (MIGs) of the district at a higher level and an accelerated pace.



6th GRADE Scholars Courses

Required:

English Language Arts/Social Studies
Pre-Algebra or Algebra
Science

Electives:

Choir, Band, Orchestra, PE/Health,
or Art Foundations (for HS Credit)

6th GRADE Scholars Courses

In addition -
All 6th grade Scholars
core courses are located
together, on the main floor,
along with the Scholars
office.



7th GRADE Scholars Courses

Required:

Social Studies

English Language Arts

High School courses:

Earth Science Honors

Math (appropriate level)

Foreign Language

and/or other electives



8th GRADE Scholars Courses

Required:

Humanities
Philosophy

High School courses:

Physics First Honors
Math (appropriate level)
Foreign Language
and/or other electives





PHYSICAL EDUCATION/HEALTH REQUIREMENTS

Choose one of three options each year:

1. **Scholars PE and Health**
 - Central
2. **Launch PE and Health**
 - Online
3. **Explore PE and Health**
 - Summer

HIGH SCHOOL ELECTIVES

- Scholars Debate
- Computers/Media
- Drama
- Arts/Graphic Design
- History/Social Studies
- Culinary Arts
- Foreign Language
- Music
- Additional courses listed on Scholars Program Selection of Studies



AFFECTIVE RESOURCES

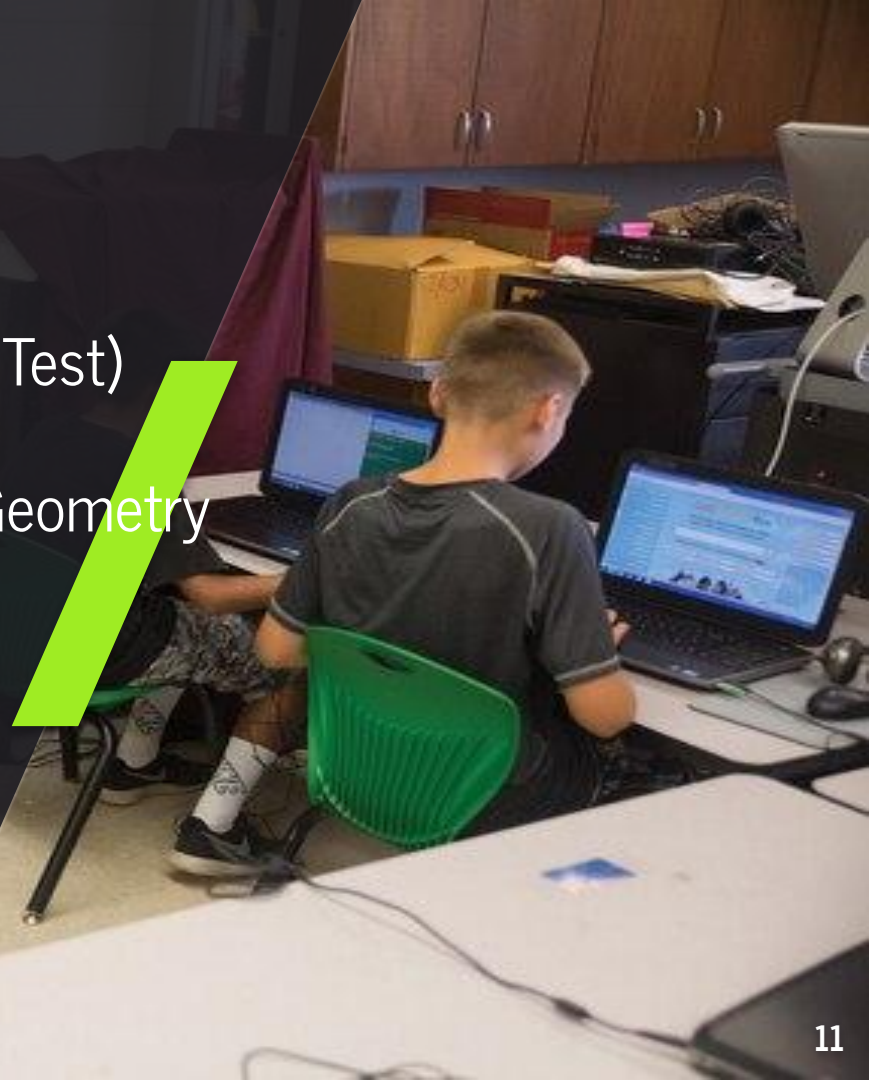
The Scholars curriculum utilizes the **affective education competencies** developed by the Phelps Center for Gifted Education.



Current State and District ASSESSMENTS:

- Missouri Assessment Program (MAP Test)
- End of Course (EOC) Algebra I, II, or Geometry
- I-Ready

Scholars students are required to score at the proficient level on state & district assessments



ACADEMIC RECORDS



Grading

Students receive grades for Scholars and high school classes.

Criteria for grades are provided at the beginning of each class.

Transcripts

Students are enrolled in Scholars and high school classes.

A letter explaining the Scholars program is included with transcripts sent out of district or on to colleges.

GPA

High school courses taken by students **will be included** in their high school GPA.

Weighted courses will count towards their freshman multiplier. These courses help determine class rank and GPA.

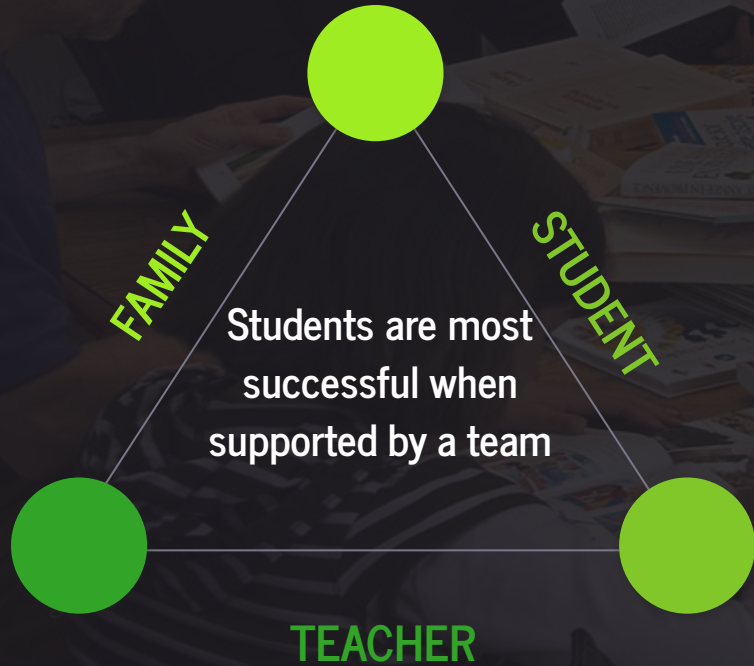
STUDY AND ORGANIZATIONAL SKILLS

Scholars students:

- are enrolled with high school students within their high school courses
- are evaluated using the same standards as highschool students
- will have homework and should possess strong study and organizational skills



SCHOLARS FORMULA FOR SUCCESS



EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

Competitions

Scholars Bowl
Science Olympiad
Science Fair
National History Day
Debate
Archery
Math
Art
LAD/Essay


Sports


Central High
School competitive
activities are
**HIGH SCHOOL
STUDENTS ONLY**
Middle school
athletic programs
are available
through the
student's SPS
school of
residency

Central club extracurriculars


Some are available
to middle school
students, inquire
as needed

SCHOLARS SOCIAL OPPORTUNITIES

 PAGE Scholars group: mopagesgf.org

 Monthly social activities

Past events:

 Bowling, swimming, movies, dances, game nights, skating, and community service.



GENERAL NEED TO KNOW

Busing

Students are eligible for busing
Pick up is at nearest corner
Brought directly to Central

Lunch

6th graders eat lunch during first period
7th & 8th graders eat lunch based on
course schedule

Report Cards

Progress reports at mid-term and
quarter

Interaction with older students

Scholars has been a part of the CHS
student body for over 25 years
Approximately 95% of Scholars students
choose to remain at Central
Scholars Alumni support new students



IMPORTANT CONSIDERATIONS

NOT WINGS

Scholars is not full-time WINGS in a different location.

NOT IB

Scholars is not a part of the International Baccalaureate Programme or a prerequisite for participation in IB.

NOT REGULAR MS

This experience is completely unique from the general middle school experience.

STRESS

The student (and family) must be able to handle stress as it relates to high academic expectations.

ACHIEVEMENT

Strong academic self-determination is critical for success in the Scholars program.

GPA

Again, there will be grades and credits that count towards a student's high school GPA and transcripts.





SELECTION CRITERIA AND FORMULA

- Scholars Application for Consideration
- Assessments:
 - WISC-V x 2 (current within 12 months)
 - NNAT
 - SCAT
- Each applicant will attain a composite score based on the above information
- Score is used for placement


SELECTION TIMELINE

 **September 3:** Application mailed to eligible 5th grade students

 **October 8:** Application **DEADLINE** for 1st round consideration

 **Sept & Oct:** Assessments (individual and small group)

 **November 23:** Notification of selection by US mail

 **December 2:** **DUE DATE** for prospective Scholars students

- Enrollment form
- Immediate Transfer submitted
- Shadow Day scheduled

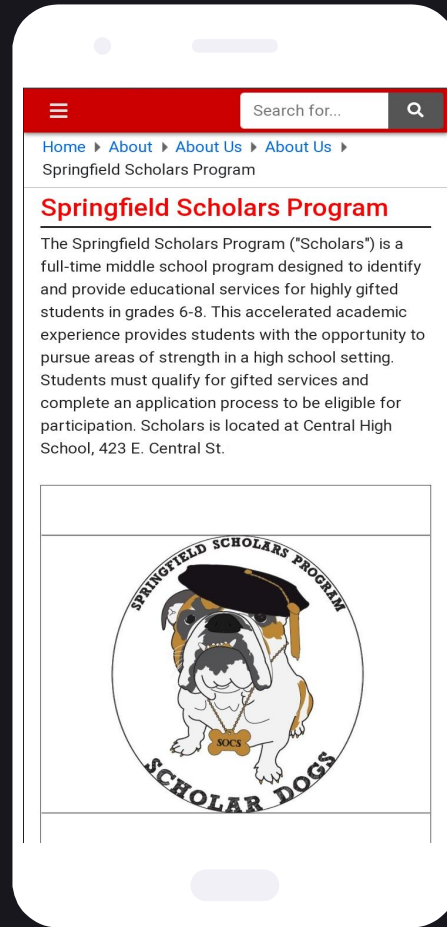
 **DEADLINE** for 2nd round applications

December 9: **DROP DATE** Placement forfeited if due date materials incomplete

 Timeline may be adjusted due to COVID-19 related restrictions 

CONTACT FOR QUESTIONS

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WHAT NEXT?

Read and reflect on the information in this presentation

- In-depth discussion with your child:
 - Is a significantly accelerated academic program in a non-traditional setting a good “fit” for them?
 - Does past/present academic performance indicate future success with regards to skills and commitment?



NEXT STEPS for FIRST ROUND CONSIDERATION

If you answered **YES** to those questions

SUBMIT APPLICATION by Friday,

OCTOBER 8, 2021 by 3pm

to the Phelps Center for Gifted Education

Additional questions should be directed to

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SECOND ROUND CONSIDERATION TIMELINE

SUBMIT APPLICATION BY

DECEMBER 2, 2021

to the Phelps Center for Gifted Education

ENROLLMENT DUE DATE:

Thursday, March 24, 2022

SHADOW DATE

Thursday, March 31, 2022

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THANK YOU

...for considering
the Springfield
Scholars program
for your child's
educational needs.

