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### **SEARCH Program Information and Criteria for Selection**

The SEARCH (Scholastic Enrichment and Resource for Children in Huntington) program is a 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> 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 include genetics, mythology, and forensics. Students participate in SEARCH once a week for an 80 minute block with Mrs. Jessica Risalvato, the SEARCH teacher. In addition to the aforementioned curriculum units, students will also be entering the Toshiba Exploravision Contest, the National History Day Contest and the Western Suffolk BOCES Mock Trial Competition.

Several criteria are used to determine a child’s eligibility for SEARCH. The OLSAT test, a 40 minute multiple choice test given at the end of 4<sup>th</sup> 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 information and teacher recommendations in making the decision. If your students have opted out of state testing, this does not mean they cannot be eligible for SEARCH, it just means we will have fewer data points by which to determine your child’s eligibility and the other factors will weigh more heavily.