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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, 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 curricular units, students will also have the opportunity to enter the following competitions:

- Toshiba Exploravision (<https://www.exploravision.org/>)
- Western Suffolk BOCES Mock Trial (<https://www.wsboces.org/?s=mock+trial>)
- 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. If your student has 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 in the identification process.

**For the 2020-2021 school year, the OLSAT was administered to 5th grade students in late September/early October.*