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Program Structure

Project '19 meets on weekdays for three weeks, July 9-27. Students enroll in either morning half-day (9:00-11:40), afternoon half-day (12:20-3:00), or full-day (9:00-3:00) for the entire three weeks. For each half day, the program format for each student is determined by his or her course selections and will be either two 78-minute classes or a single 160-minute workshop for the entire three weeks.

Before beginning their afternoon courses, students enrolled for the full day join their peers and instructors for lunch. They may bring their own sack lunches and drinks from home, or purchase lunches from the Elmhurst College cafeteria. (See "Lunch options" on next page.)

Extended Care

Organized, nurturing supervision by qualified staff is offered every morning between 7:30 and 9:00, and from 3:00 to 6:00 each afternoon. Pre-registration is not required.

Other Details

- **Application:** We recommend applying online at www.centerforgifted.org. There are no application deadlines; they are accepted until the program begins. To be rendered complete, all applications must include the required \$150 deposit; applications from students who are new to our programs also must include the three required eligibility documents (see last page, below). Paper applications can be downloaded from our website and faxed to 847-901-0179; emailed to info@centerforgifted.org; mailed to The Center for Gifted, Box 364, Wilmette 60091; or brought to us at 1926 Waukegan Road in Glenview. (No phone applications, please).
- **Enrollment:** Enrollment remains open until the program begins. Parents receive email notification of enrollment status after we have received their *complete* applications. Applicants who are new to our programs are tentatively enrolled—a spot in the program is reserved—until we receive their eligibility materials. If we do not receive them by one week before their respective programs begin, tentative enrollments may be cancelled.
- **Course selection:** Unless otherwise noted in the course descriptions (as "a.m. only" or "p.m. only"), all courses are offered in both the morning and afternoon segments of the program. Each course is designed to challenge and inspire its students for the entire three weeks of the program. Follow instructions on the online application for listing course choices. Parents may phone or email us to change course choices at any time before the program begins.

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- **Placement:** Although courses are offered to multiple grade levels, students are placed in classes with their age peers, usually with no more than three grade levels per classroom. Class assignments are made and emailed to parents, along with other enrollment information, during the week before the program begins. Requests to change class assignments are welcome at any time before or during the program and will be accommodated as space allows. The great majority of students are assigned courses they selected on their applications. If a student is assigned a course he or she did not select, parents may contact us to discuss course options.
- **Tuition, Fees:** Tuition for Project '19 is \$1380 for full-day students and \$690 for half-day students. Certain courses require lab fees; these are noted in the course descriptions (see flyer on website). For every student, a \$4.20 fee is charged at application to offset the cost of our online application system. The fee for morning Extended Care is \$10 per day. The fee for afternoon Extended Care is \$10 per hour or any part of an hour.
- **Payments:** The required minimum deposit is \$150, which must accompany application and will be credited to tuition. The balance of tuition and fees is due in full by June 24, which is two weeks before the start date of the program. On that due date, for families who paid their deposits with bank cards, this amount will be automatically deducted from the same card. Families who apply on or after June 24 must pay full tuition and fees upon application. Payments are accepted by check or money order payable to The Center for Gifted; Discover, MasterCard, and Visa credit or debit card; and cash. Extended Care fees may be pre-paid with application or paid on site (cash or check only) before or on the day they are incurred.
- **Refunds, Credits:** Tuition and fees (except for prepaid lunches) are fully refunded for withdrawals requested by the first day of Project '19. There are no refunds, credits, or discounts for absences of any length or for any reason, for late or partial enrollments, for siblings, or for enrolling in multiple programs.
- **Lunch options:** Students may bring sack lunches and drinks from home, purchase "full lunches" for \$10.70 each from the college cafeteria, and/or purchase *à la carte* items from the cafeteria. The college accepts cash and bank cards. Parents who wish to prepay for full lunches for the **entire three weeks** may do so when applying online for a lump sum of \$160.50. Please note that the College will close this prepayment option on June 24, and no part of it will be refundable or transferable after June 24.
- **Financial assistance:** Need-based financial assistance is available. To apply, a financial assistance application and a \$40 processing fee must be submitted along with the program application (the \$150 deposit is not required). The \$40 fee is refunded if the student does not enroll. The financial assistance form can be requested via phone, fax, or email to The Center for Gifted.
- **Transportation:** We provide free roundtrip chartered buses from 11 suburban locations and the City, reaching as far north as Libertyville, as far south as Downers Grove, as far east as Hyde Park, and as far west as Barrington; the Elmhurst Metra train station is two blocks from campus; there are two Pace Bus stops on campus; and several area hotels offer free shuttles for their guests. For a list of bus stop locations and other details, click on the "Transportation Options" link on our home page under "summer downloads for parents" (left margin, near the top.)
- **Open House:** On the evening before the last day of Project '19 (Thursday, July 25), students will present a gala Open House for their parents and families. Class projects and activities will be demonstrated and showcased, performing arts and fashion classes will present live performances, and faculty and staff will be on hand to greet parents, share with them about their courses and students, and answer questions about anything you ask. (They love to talk!) The evening will begin at 6:00 and conclude by 8:30.

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- **Lodging:** For out-of-town students, lodging is available both in on-campus dormitories through Elmhurst College and at discounted rates in local hotels through the DuPage Convention and Visitors Bureau. Several hotels offer free shuttles to and from Elmhurst College for their guests. Discount excursion and event tickets for evenings and weekends also are available for these students. Please contact Vickie Kiamco, Program Coordinator for The Center for Gifted, at 847-902-0188 for more information. As there are other summer programs on campus, dormitory housing tends to fill up early in the year.

Eligibility

Please refer to our Eligibility Requirements, a pdf of which can be downloaded from our website's home page under "Summer downloads for parents" (left margin, near the top). For the individual grade level requirements for each program, click on the "Summer 2019 Overview" link, found in the same place on our home page.

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