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All programs meet on weekdays for one-to-two weeks, each. Parents may choose to enroll their children for either half-days (mornings or afternoons), or full-days. Before beginning their afternoon courses, students enrolled for full-days join their peers and instructors for lunch (sack lunches and drinks brought from home), outdoor and/or indoor play and, for some younger students, a quiet story time.

The program format for each student is determined by grade level and course choices and is either two 80-minute class periods or a single 160-minute class period each half day. Most students select their own courses from a rich variety of fascinating topics (see individual program flyers on website). The youngest students enjoy a single self-contained classroom experience each half day; they explore their theme-based topics in interdisciplinary settings, through literature, art, science, drama, math, and movement. Following are the formats available to specific grade levels:

- A. Students entering pre-kindergarten attend a 160-minute class period each half day.
- B. Students entering 1st-8th grades attend two 80-minute class periods each half day.
- C. Students entering kindergarten may choose either option A or B.

***At Summer Wonders in Glenview:** *Students do not choose classes. All students participate in the "Innovation Creation Lab." Depending on the length and scope of their activities, some students will remain in the same classroom all morning or afternoon, while others will rotate to different rooms. Also in Glenview, there is no outdoor play or exercise area.*

Extended Care

Summer Wonders (Belvidere, Buffalo Grove, Cary, Glenview, Lincolnshire): Organized, nurturing supervision by qualified staff is offered every morning for 1-to-2 hours before the program begins (click on "Summer 2019 Overview" on our home page for specific Extended Care hours at each program) and until 6:00 p.m. following the dismissal of afternoon classes. Pre-registration is not required.

Worlds of Wisdom and Wonder (Elmhurst): Organized, nurturing supervision by qualified staff is offered every morning during the hour before the program begins. Pre-registration is not required.

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Other Details

- **Application:** We recommend applying online at www.centerforgifted.org. There are no application deadlines; they are accepted for each program until it begins. To be rendered complete, all applications must include the required deposit; applications from students who are new to our programs also must include the three required eligibility documents (see next page). 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 for each program until it 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 for each—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, all courses are offered for both the morning and afternoon segments of the program under which they are listed. Each course is designed to challenge and inspire its students for the entire length of the program in which it is offered. When reviewing course selections, be sure to note the grade levels for each course. Also note that, for courses spanning several grade levels, students are placed in classrooms with their age peers, usually with no more than two or three grade levels per classroom. Follow instructions on the online application for listing course choices. Parents may phone or email us to change their children’s course choices at any time before classes are assigned.
- **Placement:** Class assignments are decided and emailed to parents, along with other enrollment information, during the week before each 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:** Refer to the program brochures or to the “Summer 2019 Overview” link on our website for individual program tuition amounts (generally, tuition is calculated as \$44 per half day per student). Certain courses require lab fees; these are noted in the course descriptions (see website or flyers). For every applicant, a \$4.20 fee is charged per program to offset the cost of our online application system. The fee for Extended Care is \$10 per hour.
- **Payments:** The required minimum deposit is \$80 per program per student. Deposits must accompany application and will be credited to tuition. The balance of tuition and fees is due in full by two weeks before the start date of each program. On that due date, any unpaid tuition or fees will be automatically deducted from the bank card the family used to pay its deposit. Families who apply on or after their due dates must pay full tuition and fees upon application. Payments are accepted by Discover, MasterCard, and Visa credit or debit card; check or money order payable to The Center for Gifted; and cash. Extended Care fees can be prepaid with application or paid on site (with cash or check only) before or on the day they are incurred.
- **Refunds, Credits:** For all programs, tuition and fees are fully refunded for withdrawals requested before the second day of the program. There are no refunds, credits, or discounts for absences for any reason, for late or partial enrollments, for siblings, or for enrolling in multiple programs.
- **Financial Assistance:** Need-based financial assistance is available. To apply, a financial assistance application, along with a \$40 processing fee (in lieu of the required tuition deposit), must be submitted. The fee is refunded if the student does not enroll. The financial assistance application form can be requested via phone, fax, or email to The Center for Gifted.

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Eligibility

The Recommendation Form and Eligibility Checklist for Parents can be downloaded from our website or requested by phone, fax or email. See program flyers or click on the “Summer 2019 Overview” link for individual grade requirements for each program.

Bright, motivated students entering pre-kindergarten through 12th grades in fall 2019 in any educational setting—public, private, parochial, or home school—may apply. They must be 4 years old by June 1, 2019.

New students, who never have attended a CFG program: Submission of a teacher recommendation form, a copy of the student’s most recent report card, and the eligibility checklist for parents is required. The recommendation form and parent checklist can be downloaded from our website. These may be submitted via fax, mail, or email, before, with, or after application. Parents must first have submitted application to a summer 2019 program in order for their child’s eligibility materials to be acknowledged and reviewed.

Returning students, who have attended previous programs of The Center for Gifted, are eligible upon our timely receipt of their applications.

Applicants need not have qualified for advanced programming at their schools; test scores are not our only criteria. Although our students generally rank at or above the 95th percentiles in some areas, we recognize and discern the great variety of talents and abilities that children express. The list below may be used as a general reference. If uncertain about their child’s eligibility, parents may request a conversation or meeting with the Director of The Center for Gifted, Joan Franklin Smutny.

An ideal candidate, one who will enjoy and prosper in our programs, typically evidences many of the following talents and characteristics in pre-primary, primary, and/or elementary years:

Expresses curiosity and creativity	Talented in art, music, writing, or drama	Able to place objects in logical sequence
Enjoys challenges	Acts independently and with initiative	Enjoys Reading
Asks thoughtful questions	Has an extensive vocabulary	Creates and/or tells stories
Has unique problem-solving abilities	Uses complex language skills	Exhibits wit and humor
Is keenly observant	Discusses and elaborates on ideas	Has a sustained attention span
Has a well-developed imagination	Uses learned facts in new contexts	Has a good memory

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