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## Program Structure

**Project '18** 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 in designated indoor or outdoor. They may bring their own sack lunches and drinks from home, or purchase lunches from the Elmhurst College cafeteria. (See "Lunch options" 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](http://www.centerforgifted.org). There are no application deadlines. Enrollment remains open until the program begins. Beginning early 2018, paper applications will be downloadable from our website and can be mailed to The Center for Gifted, Box 364, Wilmette 60091; faxed (847-901-0179); emailed ([info@centerforgifted.org](mailto:info@centerforgifted.org)) or brought to us at 1926 Waukegan Road in Glenview. (No phone applications, please).
- **Enrollment:** Parents receive email notification of enrollment status after we have received their *complete* applications. For all students, this is defined as the application and the \$150 deposit. For students new to our programs, this also includes the required teacher recommendations.
- **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. 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 the program begins.
- **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. 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 '18 is \$675 for half-day students and \$1350 for full-day students. Certain courses require lab fees; these are noted in the course descriptions (see website or flyers). For every student, a \$4 fee is charged at application to offset the cost of our online application system. The fee for our Extended Care service is \$9 per 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 25, which is two

weeks before the start date of the program. On that due date, for families who paid their deposits with credit or debit cards, this amount will be automatically deducted from the same card. Families who apply after June 22 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; e-check; and cash. Extended Care fees may be pre-paid when applying online or on site (cash or check only) before or on the day they are incurred.

- **Refunds, Credits:** Tuition and fees (except prepaid lunches) are fully refunded for withdrawals requested by the first day of Project '18. 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 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 requested via phone, fax, or email to The Center for Gifted.
- **Lunch options:** Students may bring sack lunches and drinks from home, purchase "full lunches" for \$10.35 each from the college cafeteria, and/or purchase *à la carte* items from the cafeteria. Cash and bank cards will be accepted on site. Parents who wish to prepay for "full lunches" may do so through the Center for Gifted during or after applying online, but only if they pre-purchase lunches for the full 15 days of the program for a lump sum of \$155.25. *Please note that this prepayment option is available only through July 2, and no part of it will be refundable or transferable after July 2.*
- **Transportation:** We provide free roundtrip chartered buses from ten suburban locations; the Metra train station is two blocks from campus; there are two Pace Bus stops near 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 under the Project '18 tile on our home page.

## Eligibility and Recommendation

*(The recommendation form can be downloaded from our website or requested from the CFG by phone, fax or email.)* Bright, motivated students entering 6<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> grades in fall 2018 in any educational setting—public, private, parochial, or home school—may apply.

**New students**, who never have attended a CFG program, must be recommended by teachers.

The completed and signed recommendation form may be submitted via fax, mail, or email, before, with, or after application. We will hold a spot for any student who has applied until we receive the recommendation, which must be no less than a week before the program begins.

**Returning students**, who have attended previous programs of the CFG, do not require teacher recommendations. They 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 most of our students 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 are welcome and encouraged to request a conversation with the Director of The Center for Gifted, Joan Franklin Smutny. An ideal candidate, one who will enjoy and do well in our programs, typically evidences many of the following talents and characteristics in pre-primary, primary, and 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	Rates 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