

Intermediate District 287

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GT/Coordinators, Teachers, Parents:

West Suburban Summer School classes are offered by Intermediate District 287 Gifted Education Services. The eleven public school districts who are members of District 287 provide the names of students identified as gifted and talented, based on district criteria. Identified students receive access to the online information about classes.

Students who live outside the eleven member districts and/or attend a private or charter school may also be nominated. Test scores or grades can be provided by staff members in a student's school or district. We suggest that students meet at least two of the three following criteria.

1. The student has been identified for the school's gifted program.
2. Intellectual ability and/or achievement test scores are at a recommended level of 120 or above on an intelligence test, or 95th percentile or above nationally in at least one major area on an achievement test. This may differ from the school or district criteria for inclusion in their gifted academic program.
3. A letter of recommendation is provided by a parent, guardian, or teacher stating their name, title, and relationship to the child. The letter could include examples that demonstrate the child is advanced for his or her age. This may include examples of creative abilities, a description of the level at which the child is operating in major subject areas or an explanation of why the child would benefit from participation in the West Suburban Program. Students who are successful in the summer program typically demonstrate intense interest/passion about a topic. Most are comfortable moving at a faster pace and pursuing a topic in depth.

Attached is a copy of the nomination form that we use to verify student qualifications. Please complete all of the information and forward it to our office. Once approved, we will mail information on how to access the online brochure to the applicant's parent/guardian.

You are welcome to make copies of the form and this letter for parents or students who request it. If we receive calls from parents or students, we will direct them to contact a teacher or coordinator in your district.

If you have any questions, please call our office at 763-550-7167.

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