

YOUNG SCHOLARS PROGRAM

*Thinking to Learn
Learning to Think Independently*

**An Autonomous Learner Model Program for Identified
Gifted Students**



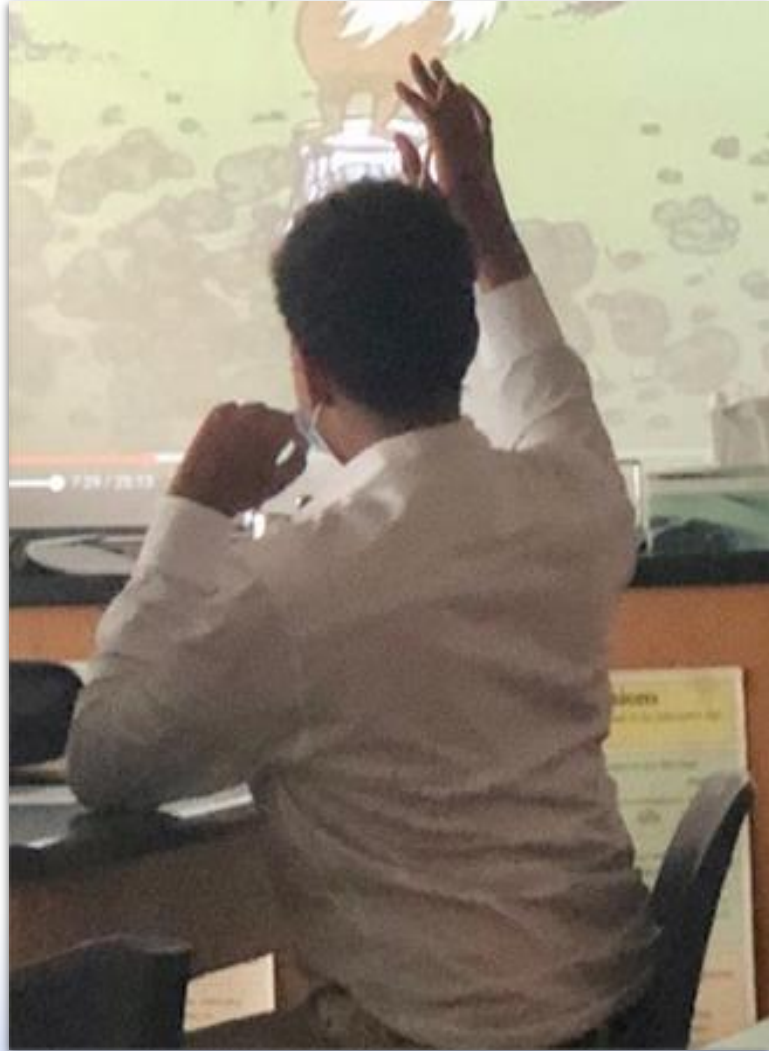
Young Scholars Program Design

Young Scholars is a middle-years magnet program for highly motivated learners identified as gifted.



This “school-within-a-school” is housed at Rosemont Academy Middle School with specially trained faculty.

Who is an Autonomous Learner?



“One who solves or develops new ideas through a combination of divergent and convergent thinking and functions with minimal external guidance in selected areas of endeavor.” *(Betts and Knapp 1981)*

...in other words, a student who takes the wheel and drives his/her learning

What is ALM?

Autonomous Learner Model (ALM)

In-Depth Study



Provides students in-depth study in areas of interest through seminars, master classes and mentorships



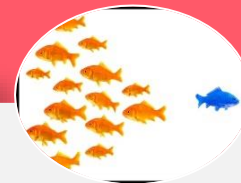
Student Choice



Students choose topics of interest to investigate and develop autonomy in their thought as well as their actions.

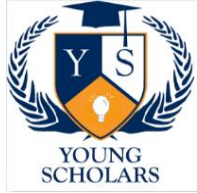


Independence



Students build *soft* skills such as inter/intrapersonal skills, organizational skills, and understanding oneself as a gifted learner.





The Young Scholars' curriculum is built around established principles of gifted education:

- Learning through thoughtful processing of content
- Differentiated instruction focused on acceleration, depth, problem solving, and higher-order thinking
- Enhanced and expanded content standards
- Promotion of independence, choice and self-directed learning

Scholars enroll in high school credit courses in Math, Science, History and Foreign Language beginning grade 7.

A variety of after-school academic enrichment and athletics are encouraged.



Application Requirements



- Rising 6th grader/Norfolk resident
- Must be officially Identified Gifted (GIA, SAA)
- Positive discipline and attendance record
- A well written application essay
- B grade average in elementary core subjects
- Pass all 4th/5th grade SOL Tests
- Interview/product presentation (select applicants*)
with onsite writing sample – *Sat. March 18, 2023*

Is Young Scholars for You?

Highly
Motivated



Curious



Ready to be
Challenged

= YOUNG SCHOLARS PROGRAM



Information Session:

Wednesday, Jan. 12th 6 PM

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