



Parent Resource Fair March 31, 2012



Mission

The Goddard Scholars Academy

- is a city-wide magnet program
- serves highly motivated gifted and talented middle school students in grades 6-8
- provides a rigorous and accelerated academic program
- is designed for students to become lifelong learners, good citizens and leaders of the 21st Century
- encourages students to reach their full potential



Innovations

- Common Planning Time for Teachers
- Weekly Gifted and Talented Class
 - Health and Wellness
 - Guest Speakers
 - Student Presentations
 - Peer Mediation Education
 - Workshops provided by Partners
 - Leadership Training
- Addition of two sixth-grade classes in 2012-13
- Weekly Technology Class
- Renzulli Learning
- Pinpoint by HMH



Other Innovations

- Multi-grade Advisories
- Development of Partnerships
 - T&G
 - Hanover Theatre
 - UMASS Health
 - Clark University
 - Assumption College
 - Talent Search (Consortium)
 - Center for Nonviolent Solutions
 - Music Worcester
 - South High School
- Opportunities for Parent Involvement
- Wrap Around Coordinator
- Common Read for Summer Reading



Regular Classes for a Goddard Scholar

- Core Subjects: English, Social Studies, Math, Science
- Foreign Language: French or Spanish
- Band: three times per week
- Physical Education: once per week
- Technology: once per week
- Gifted and Talented Class: once per week

Class Size 24 students



After- and Before-School Clubs

3:15- 4:30 or 8:15-8:45

After School

- Tuesday: Literary Club
- Wednesday: Chess Club
- Thursday: Model UN
- Friday: Math Team

Before School

- Tuesday and Thursday: Jazz Band



Autonomies

- Curriculum: 3 years allows for depth and rigor, follows the Common Core Standards for Grades 6-8
 - Math: by the end of 8th grade, students complete Algebra I.
 - Social Studies: study of geography is incorporated with the study of ancient civilizations.
 - Science: Earth/Space, Physical, Life Science and Technology/Engineering covered with enough time for lab experiences.
 - English: students become critical readers and writers of literature and nonfiction, researchers, and competent public speakers.
 - Music: students reach intermediate level in performance band.
 - Foreign Language: students complete a full Level One of French or Spanish.
- Scheduling: flexible to maximize time on task
- Budget: per pupil expenditure
- Staffing: Hiring Committee



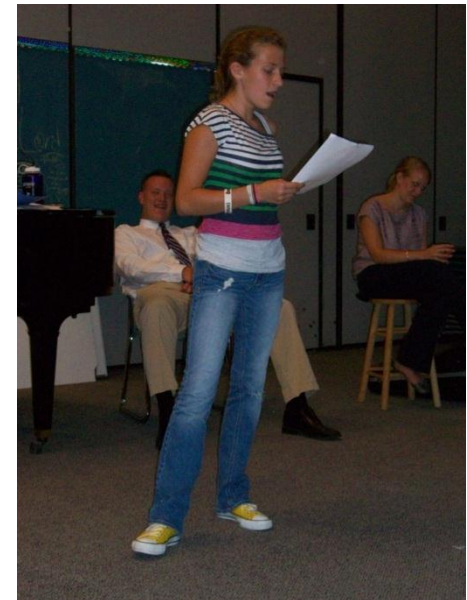
Goals

- Engage students, teachers, parents, and community
- Target recruitment to reach under-represented groups
- Move 10% of students to next MCAS Level in ELA and Math
- Increase Parent Involvement
- Increase 21st Century skills: presentations, technology infused in all subject areas
- Provide students with a safe, challenging and fun place to learn



What About High School?

- Goddard Scholars Academy continues at South High Community School in grades 9-12
- Students required to take at least 5 AP courses
- Full scholarships to Clark University for top two students in the program
- Students are very successful in gaining admission to top universities



Recruitment and Selection

- New Logo and Brochure (translated)
- Direct Mailing (district-wide)
- Open House in December
- Applications due by February 1
- Tiered Lottery System based on MCAS
 - Tier 1: Advanced in both ELA and Math
 - Tier 2: Advanced in either ELA or Math and at least proficient in the other
 - Tier 3: High proficient in either ELA or Math and at least proficient in the other
 - Tier 4: Proficient in both ELA and Math
 - Applicants assigned random numbers in each tier. Selection is made beginning with Tier 1 and continuing until 48 seats are filled. Wait list order is maintained for all subsequent openings.



Admission to the Academy

Criteria

- Standardized Test Scores (MCAS)
- Parent and Student Commitment to Program

Numbers and Levels

- 48 students per grade
- This year admitting 6th and 7th
- Thereafter admitting only 6th





Goddard Scholars Academy is housed at Sullivan Middle School

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