



SCHOLARS

What is It?

SCHOLARS is an after-school homework / study help group. *SCHOLARS* is the name given to this group because it refers to students making the extra effort to do what's necessary to be good students.

Purpose?

The purpose of *SCHOLARS* is to provide additional help, support, and structure for those students who struggle with completing their homework in any subject.

Who Can Join?

SCHOLARS participation is strictly on a needs basis. Students must be recommended by their teachers or the Teacher Assistance Team to join this group. Parent approval and cooperation is required. Participation is completely voluntary and will continue until it is determined by staff and parents that the student has developed sufficient academic independence and confidence to successfully complete their homework assignments on their own. Please read the following participation requirements and then sign below. A signed agreement is required for program participation.

When and Where?

SCHOLARS will meet from 2:20PM to 3:15PM. Students will go *directly* from their homeroom at the end of the school day to the room at which *SCHOLARS* will be meeting. In the interest of safety, students are not allowed to leave before 3:15 without a parent note.

SCHOLARS in grades 3 – 5 will meet in room 42 on Mondays and Wednesdays. *SCHOLARS* in grades 6 – 8 will meet in the Jr. High small math room on Tuesdays and Thursdays. Any *SCHOLARS* from grades 3 – 8 can also arrange to meet on Fridays if they choose.

Parents can choose to have their child attend *SCHOLARS* one, two, or three days a week. While participating, students will follow the same schedule each week.

Is There a Cost?

The *SCHOLARS* program is available at no cost to our students.

Attendance?

To maximize the effectiveness of participation in the *SCHOLARS* program, regular and on time attendance is required. Attendance will be taken each day.

To maintain an effective teacher-student ratio, the size of each *SCHOLARS* group is limited. Therefore, participation is limited to those who attend regularly. Three absences from the group (not counting days absent from school) can result in a student being removed from the *SCHOLARS* program.

Frequently Asked Questions:

Q. When can I start?

A. A student can start *SCHOLARS* at any time now.

Q. How do I get my child into *SCHOLARS*?

A. Begin by talking to your child's teacher or Mrs. Guess. He/she will then contact the *SCHOLARS* coordinator, Ms. Mahoney, who will talk to the teacher and parents to determine if *SCHOLARS* is a good fit for the child. If it is, she will send you a registration form and participation agreement. Both need to be completed before your child can participate in *SCHOLARS*.

Q. Does my child need to attend *SCHOLARS* a minimum number of days each week ?

A. No. You can choose to have your child participate once, twice, or three times a week depending on the student's needs. However, once you select the day(s) you want your child to attend, the schedule will remain the same from week to week. The days you can select depend on the grade your child is in; see the registration form for details.

Q. If my child participates in *SCHOLARS* will he/she still need to go to a tutor?

A. Maybe. Remember, *SCHOLARS* is not a one-on-one tutoring service. It does, however, provide a structured and quiet study environment as well as assistance with questions. It will help students stay on task while doing their homework.