

## Purpose

To engage and challenge gifted learners in a Student centered, Academically rigorous, Interdisciplinary Lab environment that emphasizes:

- ◆ Inquiry and discovery
- ◆ Opportunities for acceleration
- ◆ Project based learning
- ◆ Creative production
- ◆ Mastering and exceeding state standards
- ◆ Support for social emotional needs

## Application Process

### Parent Information Nights:

Elementary: Feb. 3, 2009 at Stratton School  
Feb. 15, 2009 at Fremont School  
6:30-7:30 p.m.

Middle: Jan. 22, 2009 at Irving School  
Jan. 29, 2009 at West School  
6:00-7:00 p.m.

High: Jan. 24, 2009 at Mitchell School  
6:30-7:30 p.m.

### Applications:

Pick up an application from SAIL Coordinator, Gifted and Talented Resource Teacher, or the web site.

### Deadline:

Elementary: March 31, 2009

Middle: March 2, 2009

High: March 31, 2009

### Administration Office:

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## Questions

### Who is eligible for SAIL?

Any student in grades 4—9th identified as gifted and talented may apply for the SAIL Program.

### What is the difference between SAIL and the regular classroom?

Both types of classrooms teach the same material (as set forth by Colorado State Standards), but the material is taken to a deeper and broader level of discussion and understanding. Secondly, best practices from the field of gifted education are incorporated into the structure of the program. The content may also be compacted when possible and delivered in a fast-paced environment.

### How much homework will my child have?

Students should expect daily homework and find that the time requested depends on their time management skills and project requirements.

### Is transportation provided for a child to attend a SAIL program?

No. Transportation is the responsibility of each SAIL family. Many have come from all over Colorado Springs, so carpools are often easily put together at our first getting-acquainted social in the spring.

### Is there a cost to be in the SAIL program?

Nothing beyond regular school costs for field trips, band, orchestra, etc.

### Is my student still eligible for SAIL with an IEP or 504?

Yes, if the student is identified as gifted and talented.



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**Gifted Magnet Program**  
**for**  
**Grades 4—9**

## Elementary

### Elementary School Program Overview:

The SAIL Program condenses the regular curriculum while including an interdisciplinary exploration of the world and its cultures. SAIL students study broad themes from the perspectives of science, literature, math, history and geography, permitting students to understand ways that academic and real-world subjects connect and inter-relate.

Teachers organize a series of mini-units designed to reinforce basic skills while concurrently introducing literature, writing and mathematical concepts. Students are challenged to work at their own pace on a variety of individual and group projects.

The classroom provides opportunities for students to engage in:

- ◆ Critical, logical, divergent, and higher-level thinking
- ◆ Deductive and inductive reasoning
- ◆ Constructivism
- ◆ Creative and future problem solving
- ◆ Simulations
- ◆ Interdisciplinary thematic instruction
- ◆ Contract learning

## Contact Information

### Fremont and Stratton Elementary

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### Fremont Elementary School

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### Stratton Elementary School

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## Middle

### Middle School Program Overview:

The middle school philosophy focuses on educating the whole child through rich, in-depth curriculum centered on year-long themes, instruction in the Autonomous Learner Model, experiential learning, and a wide variety of exploratory classes and academic competitions.

The SAIL Program connects the district curriculum to the broad thematic concepts of Discovery, Change, and Conflict. These three themes are connected to one another in that Discovery can lead to change; Change can lead to Conflict, and in turn Conflict may lead to Discovery. The three themes are interconnected with all content areas and are explored in depth using the Understanding By Design model of curriculum. The Autonomous Learner Model focuses on interest development, strength assessment, and independent study in an area of passion. The SAIL program also offers students unique opportunities for experiential learning through field trips, team building activities, guest speakers, mock trials, debates, camping trips, and a trip to Washington D.C. Finally, students are encouraged to try all exploratory classes offered and to participate in athletics, intramurals, clubs, and competitions such as Battle of the Books, Knowledge Master Open, Science Olympiad, Math Counts, History Day, Geography Bee, MESA, and Solar Energy Challenge.

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### WEST MIDDLE SCHOOL

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## High

### High School Program Overview:

◆ SAIL+ is a gifted and talented 9<sup>th</sup> grade program. The program is designed to provide academic challenge and diverse learning opportunities in a small class environment.

◆ Students may enroll in the **full** SAIL+ program—which offers English, World History, Physical Science and Geometry for honors credit. Students may also enroll in **specific** SAIL+ classes, based on their passions and areas of strength and take regular classes in other areas.

◆ SAIL+ students continue from their ninth grade environment into enrollment in honors and Advanced Placement courses at Mitchell and may even be **accelerated** out of certain classes to encourage academic challenge.

◆ SAIL+ students enter the Honors Endorsement Program in 10<sup>th</sup> grade, which continues through their next three years. This component provides college counseling, community service requirements and a “real world” career internship during the junior year.

◆ Within the Honors Endorsement Program, students choose one area of concentration for their four years at Mitchell. The endorsement areas are: **Visual/Performing Arts; Computers/Marketing/Technology; Leadership; Athletics or Academics.** In addition, SAIL+ and Honors Endorsement students are **strongly encouraged to participate in extra-curricular activities**, such as music, Junior ROTC, foreign language, and practical and visual arts.

## Contact Information

### Mitchell High School

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