

# Magnet Program



Neenah Joint School District

## Magnet Class - Pritzl

# Positive learning community

- Getting to know you activities
- New student welcome with our Guidance Counselor
  - Good behavior expectations & celebrations
  - Collaborative learning - explicit lessons and role play
    - Create and measure personal goals
    - Reflect
    - Emphasize a growth mindset

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# Appropriate academic challenges

- Reading                      Genre study                      Whole class, book clubs, and independent reading and research
- Writing                      Workshop                      Self-chosen topics per genre, conferences
- Math                      Accelerated                      Data driven instruction and enrichment
- Science                      Variety                      Virtual labs, STEM, and UW Oshkosh workshops
- Social Studies                      Wisconsin                      Projects, field trips, more depth and beyond
- Specials                      Art, Music, Gym                      Concepts taught by specialists in the field

# Outside our regular classroom

- Homework
  - 20 minutes of reading 4x/week with a written response
  - Weekly vocabulary quiz
  - Test
  - Unfinished work from class
- Extra enrichment opportunities
  - School: Battle of the Books
  - Neenah's GT program: Lego Robotics

## Magnet Class (Retzlaff)

Student centered classroom.

The students are given more choices about their learning and are able to work with other high ability students.

We cover the typical subjects: reading, language arts, math, science, and social studies.

The students also have specials throughout the week: art, music, library, and physical education. They also have the guidance counselor come in for lessons.

# Reading / Language Arts

The Magnet Class has the freedom of reading different novels.

The students participate in groups where they select the novels they wish to read as well as novels the teacher selects. With their peers, they have discussions about what they read.

We cover various grammar concepts, reading strategies, and vocabulary.

We write informational pieces, poetry, persuasive essays, narratives, and cover other various styles of writing.

# Science & Social Studies

The main areas of studies are: life, physical, and earth sciences. We also focus on scientific thinking and processes, STEM activities, and VEX Robotics.

The main areas of focus are geography, mapping skills, American history, and government.

## Math

Pre-tests are given the first week of the school year.

Grade 6, Big Ideas Green is the text which drives the learning.



## Middle School Program Grades 6 and 7

I teach both the 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> grade magnet program. The students have me for two years.

I am at Horace Mann in the morning and Shattuck in the afternoon.

I teach social studies and language arts

## General Overview

6<sup>th</sup> grade----- language arts, social studies

Science, encore classes, and math are integrated with other students

Math is separate from the magnet program. Your child will be placed according to his/her ability in math.

Students are in Argonaut house- homeroom and field trips.

7<sup>th</sup> grade-----2 classes- social studies and language arts

Rest of classes with other students

## 6 grade Language Arts

Narrative writing, Literary Essays, Informational papers

Grammar lessons- getting ready for next year.

Caesar's English – Vocabulary development

Reading - Short stories, book clubs, and student choice

Lots of time in class to work.

## 6th grade Social Studies

Same content - Ancient Civilizations through Renaissance.

Analyze primary and secondary sources and to craft arguments about social studies

Lots of projects - research focused, note taking skills, speaking and listening skills, creative thinking.

## 7 Grade Language Arts

Whole group novels- classics - higher level reading books are used.

Intense grammar study -3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> quarter

Huge focus on essay writing skills - Expository and argumentative

Works cited, proper quotations, and in-text citations

Getting prepared for 9<sup>th</sup> grade language arts

## 7th grade Social Studies

Same content - World Geography and American History  
Analysis of primary and secondary sources to craft  
argumentative essays.

Projects --- more in depth research skills, student  
driven - creativity, synthesis of information, speaking  
and listening skills

Homework - Work that does not get finished in class.

I don't give a lot of homework- depends on work ethic in class.

More homework in 7<sup>th</sup> grade than 6<sup>th</sup> grade.

Give lots of time in class to work

Homework tends to be work that didn't get finished in class.

Resubmits- always can fix mistakes.

## Words from former Magnet Students...

“I chose Magnet because I was bored in all my classes and I needed a challenge. Magnet was also a home for me!”

“What magnet means to me is being able to express myself in a way that wasn't accessible before, and showing off my talents to an amazing group of people.”



Magnet Testing Registration: <http://www.neenah.k12.wi.us/academics/magnetregistration.cfm>

The image is a screenshot of the Neenah Joint School District website. At the top, the logo features the text "A Passion for Excellence" above an open book icon, with "NEENAH Joint School District" below it. A navigation bar contains "HOME", "ABOUT NJSD", "ACADEMIC SERVICES", and "SCHOOLS". A sidebar on the left lists menu items: "ACADEMIC SERVICES HOME", "AT RISK / ALTERNATIVE PROGRAM", "AUTISM RESOURCES", "COUNSELING SERVICES", "ENGLISH LANGUAGE LEARNERS (ELL)", "FOUR-YEAR-OLD KINDERGARTEN", "GIFTED AND TALENTED", "INSTRUCTIONAL TECHNOLOGY", and "MAGNET CLASS TESTING REGISTRATION". The main content area is titled "Academic Services Home" and features a red banner for "Magnet Class Testing Registration". The text below the banner discusses the registration process for Magnet classes, mentioning screening and evaluation for students in grades 4, 5, and 6, and providing the URL <http://www.neenah.k12.wi.us/academics/magnetregistration.cfm>.

**ACADEMIC SERVICES HOME**

**At Risk / Alternative Program Registration**

To Third, Fourth, Fifth and Sixth Grade Parents:

Autism Resources

We are in the process of screening and evaluating Magnet Counseling Services in 4, 5 and 6 classes at Ho

These classes are a component of our Gifted and English Language Learners (ELL)

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- MAGNET CLASS TESTING REGISTRATION**
- ADULT PHYSICAL EDUCATION
- ADULT WELLNESS AND HEALTH EDUCATION

## Magnet Class Testing Registration

To Third, Fourth, Fifth and Sixth Grade Parents:

We are in the process of screening and evaluating students who would benefit from participating in one of our Magnet Classes – grade 4, 5 and 6 classes at Horace Mann, and a 7th grade class at Shattuck Middle School. These classes are a component of our Gifted and Talented Program for High Ability students.

The Magnet Classes serve eligible students from all schools in the District. Students benefiting from Magnet Classes are those who have demonstrated very high levels of intellectual ability and reasoning skills. The Magnet Classes are designed to offer students opportunities to work at a greater depth and/or breadth or at a faster pace than in the regular education setting. High ability students also benefit from opportunities to work with other high ability students in an intellectually stimulating environment.

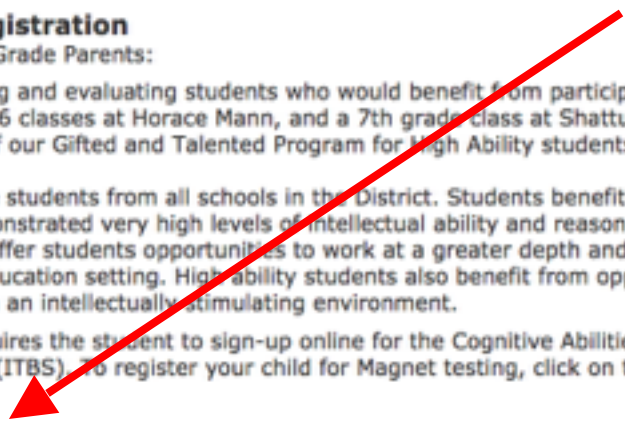
The next step in this process requires the student to sign-up online for the Cognitive Abilities Test (CogAT) and the Iowa Test of Basic Skills (ITBS). To register your child for Magnet testing, click on the following link:

<http://goo.gl/forms/RgkZiV8Uwq>

**THE REGISTRATION DEADLINE IS MONDAY, JANUARY 4, 2016.  
WE WILL NOT ACCEPT TEST REGISTRATIONS PAST THIS DATE.**

Once your child has registered for testing:

1. Parents bring their child to the Administration Building, 410 South Commercial Street, top floor, at 8:00 a.m. on both mornings. If the Magnet Testing enrollment exceeds the the capacity of the Administration Building Auditorium, then an alternative testing location will be arranged.
2. Magnet Testing will be conducted following this schedule:
  - Grades 5 and 6 - Monday, January 18 and Tuesday, January 19, from 8:00-11:00 am**
  - Grades 3 and 4 - Wednesday, January 20 and Thursday, January 21, from 8:00-11:00 am**



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Administration Building, 410 South Commercial Street, top floor, at 8:00 a.m. on both mornings (Potential alternate test site if enrollment exceeds the the capacity)

- Students should bring two #2 pencils and a book to read.
- After testing, about 11:15 a.m., a bus will take all the students back to their home schools.
- Students should bring a bag lunch or make arrangements for lunch on these dates.

Questions?

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