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Welcome to Challenge!

Below are answers to some questions that you may have about this class.

What do we do in Challenge?

We will be doing a variety of activities and projects in Challenge this school year. These activities are in part determined by the goals written in you GIEP. These activities and projects will include various problem solving and enrichment tasks. One of the goals of this class is to provide you with opportunities to explore your academic strengths and interests.

Problem Solving	Enrichment
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Egg Drop Competition• Brain Teasers• “Brain Drain” Challenges• Stock Market Game	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Subject area extensions of problem solving projects• Independent study on a topic of interest• MathCounts training and competition• Literature groups• Creative writing/InvestWrite

Who will I be working with?

7th grade students have a class together. At times activities will be individual in nature, other times you will be working with a partner or even a team. Figuring out how to work with a team and use of everyone’s ideas is a problem solving activity in of itself. SO **YES YOU MUST WORK WITH OTHERS!!**

When is Challenge?

You will come to Challenge 2 times per six day schedule.

Who teaches Challenge?

Mr. Swiergol will be the teacher 7th grade for Challenge. At times students will work with one teacher or the other based on if the subject area they are working on.

Are there grades for Challenge?

You will not receive a letter grade for your work in Challenge class. Instead, a progress report will be sent home each marking period describing your progress on GIEP goals and what you worked on during that marking period. That said, **THIS CLASS IS TRULY ONE IN WHICH YOU GET OUT OF WHAT YOU PUT IN.**