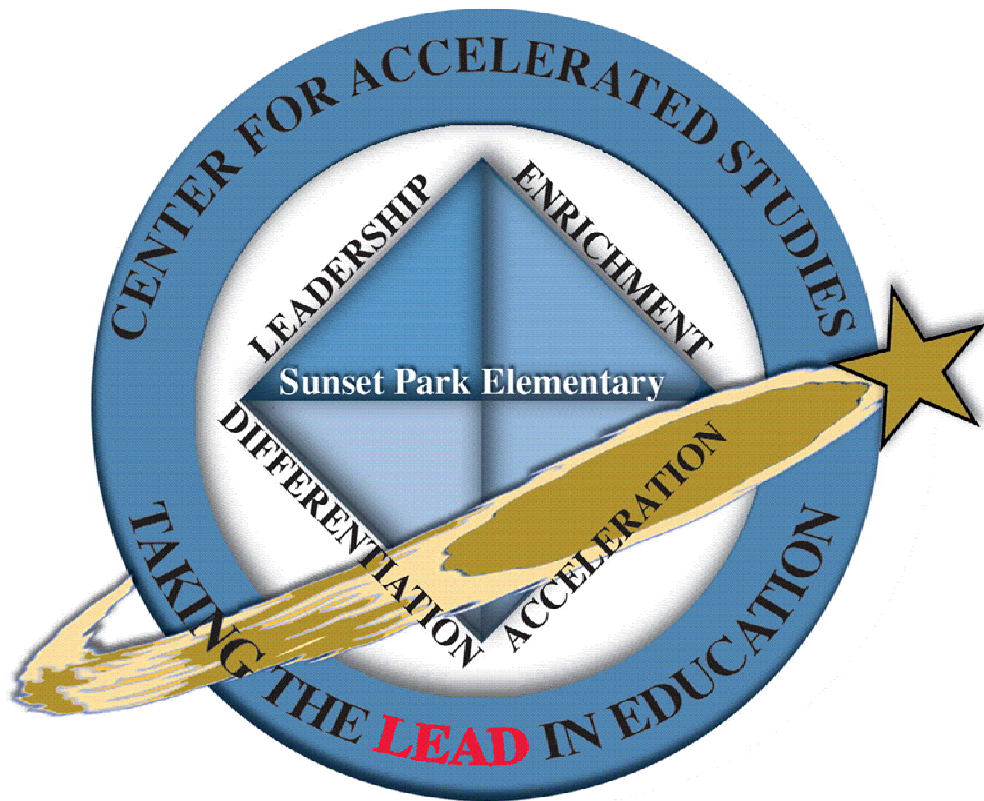


Sunset Park
Center for Accelerated Studies

SUNSET PARK

CENTER FOR ACCELERATED STUDIES

ADMISSION PACKET



Gifted and Talented Program
Third through Fifth Grades

Sunset Park Center for Accelerated Studies

What can your child expect to experience at Sunset Park Center for Accelerated Studies? How will it impact the life of your family? We thought we'd share some of our recent comments from families, students and staff.

Welcome to Sunset Park Center for Accelerated Studies! It is an honor and a privilege to serve as the principal here for the past two years. I am so excited about our new vision for Sunset Park, and I am truly looking forward to working with you and your child. We are embarking on a journey in education that will be unlike anything that you will find in Rock Hill.

I hope that you will join us!

- Tammy T. White
Principal

"Our focus on Acceleration empowers me as a teacher to take each student's strengths and design a learning environment that suits their needs. It means not spending time on things students already know- we move on - we move deeper. My classroom is a busy place where students are working individually and in small groups to achieve their goals."

- Fourth Grade Teacher



"In 2008, Sunset Park got a new program called Renzulli. In this program you can find anything and everything from research for projects to virtual and real field trips! You may also play games. The games are not where you just sit there and play little board games, but you actually are using the computer to learn from each game you play."

- Fourth Grade Student

"I am so pleased with Sunset Park Elementary School. When I drop my daughter off at school I feel good knowing that she is in the care of people that truly care about her complete well-being. Each time I walk through the doors of SPES I feel very welcome and that is important to me."

- The Robinson Family



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Admissions Process

STEP 1: Application

The admission process begins by submitting a completed Application for Admission to Rock Hill School District Office, Planning Department, P.O. Drawer 10072, Rock Hill, SC 29731.

STEP 2: Parent Questionnaire

All parents must complete the appropriate Parent Questionnaire and submit this form with the Student Application.

Step 3: School Visits (Optional)

A school visit is recommended. Tours are available on Mondays from 10:30 am-11:30 am and Thursdays from 5:00 pm-6:00 pm. Contact Richard Pickering, the Accelerated Studies Coordinator, to schedule a visit via phone, 803.985.3035.

Step 4: Notification of Acceptance

Notification letters will be mailed to all families by April 30, 2009. This communication will be sent from the Rock Hill Schools District Office.

Admissions Policy

Sunset Park Center for Accelerated Studies is dedicated to achieving academic excellence, appreciating diversity, and developing leadership and creativity. The admission process identifies students who demonstrate the ability to excel. An Admissions Committee reviews all applications.

Questions

For more details about the Application Process or the Center for Accelerated Studies contact:

Application Process

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Associate Superintendent
Rock Hill Schools
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Center for Accelerated Studies

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Sunset Park Elementary School
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Enrollment Questions

What special programs are offered at The Center for Accelerated Studies? How does the instructional program at The Center for Accelerated Studies differ from the traditional school programming?

- Sunset Park Center for Accelerated Studies is designed to research and implement best practices of acceleration and enrichment to increase the academic performance of all students.
- The Center for Accelerated Studies integrates a Gifted and Talented (GT) program throughout the school to create an atmosphere where all students receive a challenging education.
- Students enrolling into the GT program must be GT identified and complete the GT admissions application.
- Limited seats are available.

Who may attend Sunset Park?

- Sunset Park is a school of choice that allows any student in Rock Hill Schools the opportunity to attend; students zoned for Sunset Park will have priority. District transfer policies apply.
- Siblings of GT students enrolled in this program are invited to attend Sunset Park.

What is the application schedule? How can my child apply?

- Applications for Sunset Park Center for Accelerated Studies will be accepted from February 1, 2009 until March 31, 2009. Application packets are available at Sunset Park or the Rock Hill School District Office. Applications are also available online at www.sp.rock-hill.k12.sc.us.

If my child enrolls, may they change schools during the year?

- Once enrolled at Sunset Park, a student must remain for the entire school year. Students may return to their zoned school the following year.

Does my child need to reapply each year?

- No. Once a student has been accepted in this program, they do not need to reapply. Applications carryover from year to year.
- Students not accepted may update and resubmit their application packet for the following year.
- Students currently attending Sunset Park during the 2008-2009 school year are not required to apply.

If my child is accepted, when and how will I be notified?

- Notification letters will be mailed to all families by April 30, 2009. This communication will be sent from Rock Hill Schools.

**Sunset Park
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Application for Admission**

Please complete this application form and return it to Rock Hill Schools District Office.

My child has obtained GT Identification by: **State ID** **Local ID**

Student Information

Applicant Name _____

Applicant Address _____

City _____ State _____ ZIP _____

Date of Birth _____ Place of Birth _____ Male Female

Are you a US citizen? Yes No If not, please explain _____

Parent/Guardian Information

Father's Name/Guardian's Name _____

Home Address _____

Home Telephone _____ Email _____

Occupation _____ Firm Name _____

Business Telephone _____ Cell (Optional) _____

Mother's Name/Guardian's Name _____

Home Address _____

Home Telephone _____ Email _____

Occupation _____ Firm Name _____

Business Telephone _____ Cell (Optional) _____

Does the applicant have sibling(s) who wish to attend Sunset Park? Yes No If so, please list.

Brothers and Sisters of the Applicant	Grade	School	Currently GT Identified
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_____	_____	_____	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>
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_____	_____	_____	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>
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Signature of parent or guardian _____ Date _____

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General Information

Present School _____

Currently in grade _____

Address _____

Principal _____

Telephone _____

Previous schools applicant has attended

Grade completed

The following information assists us with educational programming

Is English the primary language spoken in the home? Yes No

List other languages spoken in the home. _____

Please tell us about your child's special interests, aptitude, talents, etc.

Has the applicant been referred or evaluated for special needs assistance (speech, hearing, other.)? Yes No

If yes, please identify area of assistance need:

Additional Comments (Optional)

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Parent Questionnaire

Applicant Name _____

Applying to Grade _____

Sunset Park Center for Accelerated Studies is dedicated to achieving academic excellence, appreciating diversity, and developing leadership and creativity in a collaborative environment. Please help us learn more about your child.

Describe your child's *academic* strengths and areas needing growth.

Describe additional *talents and interests of* your child.

What do you hope an education at Sunset Park will provide your child?

How did you learn of this program? _____

Signature of Parent/Guardian _____ Date _____

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Admission Notification

The Admissions Committee will only consider applicants who have submitted all required materials and completed each step of the admission process. Rock Hill Schools administrators and teachers comprise the Admissions Committee for Sunset Park.

Admissions Committee Recommendations

Invited

These applicants have met all qualifications to attend Sunset Park and show promise of benefiting from and contributing to the school. These students are offered GT classroom positions. This offer must be accepted or declined in writing and returned to Rock Hill School District Planning Office by April 30, 2009.

If Rock Hill School District does not receive the acceptance notification by April 30, 2009, this position will be offered to a waitpool applicant.

Waitpool

These applicants have met all qualifications to attend Sunset Park and are placed in the waitpool. They may attend Sunset Park in regular classroom positions, because all available GT classroom positions have been filled. Waitpools are NOT prioritized waiting lists. When the appropriate GT classroom position becomes available, the Admissions Committee will make the next placement decision.

Students in the waitpool attending Sunset Park have priority for available GT classroom positions over waitpool students who choose not to attend Sunset Park. The waitpool status does carryover from year to year. Students do not need to reapply.

Students in the waitpool offered a GT classroom position must accept this offer in writing according to admission procedures.

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