

## SELF-DESIGNED ENRICHMENTS

Self-Designed Enrichments are educational activities planned and executed by students. Students are asked to develop a research question or pursue an educational theme during the activity. This is an opportunity for individual exploration and growth, so students should choose a topic they feel passionate about. They must be challenged beyond their normal routine and fully participate in proposed educational activities.

Students will be required to keep a daily journal during the Enrichment, and then write a 2 to 3 page essay about their experiences at the end of the trip. The student must present these materials through an oral presentation to the Enrichment Coordinator for Enrichment credit.

### Self-Designed Enrichment requirements:

- Students must write a description that gives an educational focus to the activity as part of the application. Some themes include art history in France, economic changes in India, pre-Columbian settlements in the American west, language immersion through individual homestay, the Civil Rights movement in the American south.
- Self-Designed Enrichments must include a minimum of 20 hours of educational experiences
- Non-family members (docents, tour guides, and other professionals) should be the major source of educational information.
- The Enrichment should challenge the student beyond what he or she currently knows, and introduce new ideas and concepts.
- Only one Self-Designed Enrichment can be counted toward the six Enrichments required for graduation, so plan ahead.

Applications for Self-Designed Enrichments are due at least 30 days prior to the start of the activity. Students, with the assistance of parents, should prepare an itinerary of proposed activities that will provide the education component of the enrichment, and attach that to the application. The Enrichment Coordinator is available to offer suggestions and answer questions about the program.

# SELF-DESIGNED ENRICHMENT APPLICATION

**WRITE LEGIBLY!**

Student's Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Grad Year: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent e-mail: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone # \_\_\_\_\_

Student e-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

IA Central Campus \_\_\_\_\_ IA West Campus \_\_\_\_\_ IA East Campus \_\_\_\_\_

Application Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Enrichment: \_\_\_\_\_

Location of Enrichment: \_\_\_\_\_

**\*\*REQUIRED DOCUMENTATION FOR APPLICATION:**

- Plan of activities and educational process to be attached to this application, describing in detail what the student proposes to learn, and how he/she will gain that knowledge.

**PROGRAM RESTRICTIONS:**

- Dates cannot be concurrent with the school calendar.
- A maximum of one (1) Self-Designed Enrichment credit is allowed of the six credits required for graduation
- Program must include a minimum of 20 hours of instruction and training by a person other than parent or family member.
- This application must be submitted at least 30 days before proposed activity is to begin.

Parent and/or student will be informed of approval or denial within two weeks of application.

**REQUIREMENTS FOR ENRICHMENT CREDIT:**

Students must complete all three requirements, unless a previous arrangement is made with the Enrichment Office

- Daily Journal – briefly describe daily activities (The journal will be returned to you.)
- Written Report: 2 to 3 pages in length, describing your experience and its benefit to you
- Oral Presentation: Present answers to guiding question to Enrichment Office staff.

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TO BE FILLED OUT BY SCHOOL OFFICIALS:

ENRICHMENT  
COORDINATOR

DATE

PROPOSAL ACCEPTED \_\_\_\_\_

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