

The OSA After-School Program

A Brief History

Formerly known as the QUEST Program, the OSA After-School Program was originally designed to meet the intellectual needs of students who demonstrated academic strengths that made them prime candidates for advanced secondary opportunities—IB, AP, honors, admission to TJHSST. QUEST met on Saturdays throughout the school year and three weeks in July.

A New Beginning

Through a partnership with National Board Certified Teachers (NBCT), the OSA After-School Program was developed to create an after-school model that **connects** to student interests, **stretches** students intellectually, and **prepares** students for the rigors of advanced secondary courses through critical thinking exercises.

Students are engaged each month in a project that introduces them to interdisciplinary approaches to understanding problem solving. Students are faced with challenges that require the use of math, science, social sciences, and language arts.

Units include the following:

Engineering and Building Bridges
The Science and History of Sports
Myth Busting and the Scientific Method
Music and the Physics of Sound

Participation and Attendance

Students are expected to be enthusiastic in their participation and present at all sessions in order to complete their projects in a timely manner.

Participation is limited to 30 students per school.

For more information on dates and times of program offerings contact the After-School Specialist at your school.