

The Lyceum - Center for Advanced Studies at Lincoln Middle School
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Dear Parents:

The Lyceum is an innovative and challenging magnet program for high-achieving middle school students in Alachua County. In order for your child to be considered for this program, the enclosed paperwork needs to be completed carefully.

Teacher recommendations are no longer a part of this application process.

Children who received a score of 3.5 or higher on the FCAT Writing Assessment taken in the 4th grade are not required to write an essay as part of the application. For those applicants who have not taken the FCAT Writing Assessment, or who scored below 3.5, an essay is required to complete the application. This essay needs to be done in his or her own handwriting, in either blue or black ink, and without the use of any resources (spell check, dictionary, thesaurus, encyclopedia, etc.). It is imperative that your child write this essay in her or his own words, without any parental guidance. This essay should be signed by his/her language arts teacher, verifying that it is representative of your child's "in-class" writing ability.

Please return the application to Lincoln Middle School, attention: Mike Gamble, A.P. Since only completed applications will be considered, be sure to include the following:

1. Completed application form
2. A copy of your child's most recent report card at the end of the 1st semester (includes 1st and 2nd 9-week's grades.)
3. A copy of your child's most recent FCAT scores, including both the CRT results (measured in Levels 1-5) AND NRT results (measured in Stanines 1-9). Other standardized test scores are acceptable if the FCAT was not taken.
4. 4th grade Florida Writing Assessment results or applicant's essay, if required (see above) signed by current language arts teacher.
5. A self-addressed, stamped envelope (9½" x 4")

You may need to contact your child's current or former school to request a copy of these if you don't have one.

Thank you for your interest in The Lyceum program.

Sincerely,
Mike Gamble
Assistant Principal