



May 20, 2009

Dear SMA Parent,

Seashore Middle Academy (SMA) offers high-achieving students a way to excel within and beyond the classroom--in the SEA Program. SEA students participate in a variety of projects designed to challenge them and enrich their knowledge. We solicit applications from self-motivated, disciplined students who perform above grade level and/or have a passion for learning.

Students may qualify for the SEA program in one or more core subjects. The selection process, to be completed in early June, will include committee review of a portfolio, letter(s) of recommendation, test scores, and other diagnostic tools. This process is further outlined in materials currently posted on our website.

SEA students will create a curriculum-based product in eligible core subjects. Guided by the instructor, the SEA student will develop and present an in-depth, engaging project each six weeks. Students will be given a timeline, and their progress will be monitored weekly. The project and its weekly assessments will replace some other assignments and grades. Participation in the SEA program will allow students to be creative, organized, and goal-oriented, all while linking curriculum with individual student passions and enriching the overall academic experience.

If your child wishes to apply for or continue participating in the SEA program, please complete the enclosed PDF form and return it to Barbara Beeler by Tuesday, May 26. We will then e-mail you directions on what your child will need to submit prior to the end of school.

Sincerely,

Barbara Beeler  
SMA Director