



FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

Q: Who is eligible to enroll?

A: All fifth- and sixth-grade students.

Q: Is the program parochial or religious in nature?

A: No. Eagle's Nest Program of Academic Distinction is a secular program.

Q: Is Eagle's Nest a charter school?

A: No. The program is a partnership between Eagle's Nest Leadership Corporation and Erie's Public Schools. Students are Erie's Public Schools students and are taught by Erie's Public Schools teachers.

Q: Is the program a punitive educational placement for students who have not succeeded elsewhere?

A: No. Eagle's Nest is one of a growing number of programs Erie's Public Schools is offering to families as they consider what pathway to educational success is best suited to their child. Parents choose to enroll their child.

Q: How is Eagle's Nest different from other programs the district offers?

A: Eagle's Nest is the only Afrocentric academic program in the region. Students follow a standard curriculum in English/Language Arts, math, science and social studies, but they do so as part of a broader study of African cultures and heritage. In this way, Eagle's Nest students develop an appreciation for the African-American experience throughout history and the many contributions of African-Americans to the human experience.

Q: Will students participate in music, art, computer classes and gym?

A: Yes. Eagle's Nest students will take those related arts classes at the Boys and Girls Club of Erie under the supervision and instruction of their Eagle's Nest teacher.

Q: What about sports?

A: Students are Erie's Public Schools students and can participate in the sports offered by their "home" school. In other words, there are no Eagle's Nest sports teams but the Eagle's Nest students are eligible to participate in the sports that are offered in their home schools.

Q: Are uniforms required?

A: Yes. Uniforms are required as part of the program's focus on character development and civility. Teachers and staff set high expectations for both student achievement and behavior.

We welcome your questions.

For more information, call Erie's Public Schools at 814.874.6015