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## Information Session on Talent Search Programs

### What are Talent Search programs? Why should my child participate? How do we get started?

Join us for an informative evening with Dr. Amy Rushneck and learn more about the Western Academic Talent Search Program and opportunities at the Center for Bright Kids.

Thursday, October 7th, 7:00—8:30 p.m.

Where: Southern Hills Middle School

Cost: Free

Donations to the Center for Bright Kids Scholarship fund will be accepted at the door

**About the Presenter:** Dr. Amy Rushneck is the Executive Director of the Center for Bright Kids Regional Talent Development Center, which operates the Western Academic Talent Search for the seven-state Rocky Mountain region. She has worked with talent development centers for nearly 20 years in summer residential programs, teacher training institutes, academic year enrichment programs, and the national academic talent search program. Dr. Rushneck presents regularly at the regional and national levels on the benefits of the talent development model in affiliation with Johns Hopkins' Center for Talented Youth, Duke's Talent Identification Program, and Northwestern's Center for Talent Development.

**Western Academic Talent Search** The Western Academic Talent Search is an academic talent search program based on above-level testing and optimal match. The national academic talent search program has a 30-year history of offering students and their families a powerful advocacy tool for gaining entrance to academic enrichment and acceleration programming, above-level school content, scholarship programs, and post-secondary courses with the chance to take the SAT or ACT at a much earlier age. The true advantage of talent search is that while valuable practice is gained and scores are compared specifically to the student's grade-level G/T peer group, those scores do not report on the student's permanent record, making the Western Academic Talent Search an affordable, risk-free opportunity for high-achieving scholars in grades 3-9. WATS also allows students access to CBK Summer Programs, held annually at the Colorado School of Mines, a top-Barron's-ranked institution.

**The Center for Bright Kids is the Regional Talent Development Center for the Rocky Mountain area.** CBK offers K-12 enrichment and acceleration programming for high interest and high ability kids. The focus is not only on how kids think and learn, but how they discover ways to navigate the world while thinking and learning differently.

CBK is focused on providing safe spaces for kids to laugh and play while being intellectually challenged with intensive academic experiences and actively engaged in meaningful, authentic learning experiences. The Center for Bright Kids has offered the Western Academic Talent Search, Summer Programs, and other youth programs for 29 years and is a 501(c)3 non-profit center.



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