



## FERGUSON-FLOISSANT SCHOOL DISTRICT

**PROBE Center**  
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### Ferguson-Florissant Probe Program F.A.Q

#### Frequently Asked Questions:

#### **What is the Probe Program & how does it work?**

Probe is a pull out gifted services program for grades 2-5 held at McCluer South Berkeley High School. Students that meet state and district criteria will attend the program one day each week. The program is designed to meet the academic needs of fast learners while supporting their social & emotional development.

#### **What should I tell my child?**

At Probe we tell our students that they are fast learners. Since they learn classroom skills faster than some other students, school can become too easy. Probe will provide opportunities for their brains to be challenged. Our goal is to provide more and different challenges than they receive in the traditional classroom to strengthen their thinking skills. Sometimes these activities will be difficult or frustrating but that is when your child will know they are learning the most.

#### **How will my child get to and from Probe?**

Probe students are picked up by a district bus at their home school and transported to McCluer South Berkeley. The drop off and pick up point is on the east side of the building, parallel to the football field. Grade 3 - 5 schools will arrive at 9:00 a.m. and depart at 2:00 p.m, while grade 2 schools will arrive at 9:30 a.m. and also depart at 2:00 p.m. Homeschool parents can drop off any time after 9:00 and pick up at 2:00. Please join the pickup line after our busses have arrived.

#### **What if my child is late or misses the Probe bus?**

You are welcome to transport your child directly to the Probe Program at McCluer South Berkeley at 201 Brotherton Lane. If your child arrives after 9:00 a.m. (9:30 a.m. for 2nd graders) please use the last side door on the east side of the building next to the football field (door 12). It is your responsibility to contact the home school and let them know that your child went directly to the Probe Program. If you do not contact the home school, your child may be marked absent.

### **What about lunch?**

Lunch and recess are both provided for our Probe students and spans from 11:30 - 12:30. Please remind your student to bring appropriate outdoor weather attire to Probe. Students are offered a free meal through a grant so there is no charge to families. Students may also bring lunch if they prefer. Lunch menus are available online at [Food Services / Menus](#).

### **My child takes medicine, what should I do?**

A student is allowed to turn in prescription medicine to the school nurse. All medicine should be accompanied by a medical release from parents so that the medications may be taken on the premises as prescribed. Students are not allowed to carry their medications with them while at school. At Probe, we would like to keep necessary medications in our building. Transporting medication to and from homeschool on the bus is not feasible. We recognize that this can be a financial burden; please contact us if this is a concern. You can reach the McCluer South Berkeley nurse, Ms. Young, at 506-9800 ext. 5830.

### **What if I need to take my child out early?**

If necessary, you may pick your child up before 2:00 at McCluer South Berkeley, 201 Brotherton Lane 63135. If you know you will be picking up early, please notify the Probe office at 314-595-3910 or send a note to the Probe teacher. Only parents or persons listed as emergency contacts should pick up a child. Picture ID may be required.

### **What if my child attends a non-public school or is home schooled?**

As long as your child qualifies, they are able to participate in the Probe Program. All that is required is for your student to be enrolled in the Ferguson Florissant District. In order to have your child enrolled, you can register online at <https://www.fergflor.org/admissions>, or visit the admissions office located at the Vogt Welcome Center at 200 Church Street, room 106. To complete registration, you need to have the required documents such as:

- an occupancy
- permit (less than 30 days old),
- a copy of your leases/mortgage,
- parent ID and the child's birth certificate
- immunization records
- social security card and last report card.

If you have any questions or concerns regarding enrollment, you can reach our admission office at 314-824-2035 between the hours of 8am and 3pm.

### **How do I contact the Probe Program?**

The best way to contact the Probe Program is to call the Probe office directly: 314-595-3910 . Mr. Brown will relay messages to classroom teachers as necessary. If the matter is urgent and Mr. Brown is not at his desk, you may try to call your child's classroom teacher. For general purposes, you are welcome to phone the classroom teacher before 9 a.m. and after 2:00 p.m. or contact by email at any time of the day.

2nd Grade - Ms. Karen Doering, 506-9852 [kdoering@fergflor.org](mailto:kdoering@fergflor.org)

2nd(Mon)/3rd Grade - Mrs. Roxanne Provence, 506-5852 [rprovence@fergflor.org](mailto:rprovence@fergflor.org)

4th Grade - Mrs. Pamela Gerlach, 595-3913 [pgerlach@fergflor.org](mailto:pgerlach@fergflor.org)

5th Grade - Mr. Michael Vordtriede, 595-3912, [mvardtriede@fergflor.org](mailto:mvardtriede@fergflor.org)

### **Will my child remain in Probe in future years?**

A child who qualifies for gifted services in our district will always be a “gifted” child in our district. (Other school districts have their own qualification procedures.) Gifted students will continue to receive gifted services unless there is a reason to discontinue. See academic and behavior expectations below.

### **Does my child have to attend Probe?**

We expect that all students who qualify for gifted services will attend our program. If there is a concern, please contact us. We would like to help your child work through the difficulty. We recognize that bright students are sometimes anxious or work-shy, but the goal of gifted services is to help students with all their needs, social-emotional as well as academic. We would like to teach them strategies to manage challenges today and in the future. If it becomes necessary for your child to discontinue participation, a form for parents to complete will be presented.

### **Are there academic expectations to remain in the Probe Program?**

Probe expectations are that students will maintain a 3.0 or higher G.P.A. in their traditional classes. It is important that Probe activities enhance rather than interfere with the Ferguson-Florissant curriculum. If your child’s grades drop below that level, you may receive a letter placing your child on Probe probation. If at the end of the next quarter, your student’s grades do not meet the requirement, you will be rotated out of Probe and attend your regularly scheduled classes. At the end of the school year, your progress will be evaluated to determine your participation in Probe next year. This policy is not intended to be punitive, rather its goal is to encourage responsible, self motivated learners.

### **Are there behavior expectations to remain in the Probe Program?**

In many ways, bright children are like any other child and they have their fair share of behavior concerns. Our goal is to foster success in our students on all levels. Therefore, we will work with student behavior concerns and initiate interventions as necessary. Parents will always be an integral team member as we work through any concerns.