

*Somerdale Park School*  
**STEPS Program**  
*3<sup>d</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> Identification and Details*

**Selection:** A qualifying score on the Cog-AT is necessary for program admittance. A parent letter will be sent home notifying parents of the program and their rights to opt out of the Cog-AT prior to testing. Students who meet the selection criteria (**see below**) will receive STEPS services. The STEPS schedule will be determined based on number of students admitted, their grade levels, and teacher availability. Feedback on program effectiveness will be collected continually, in order to make necessary adjustments.

**Curriculum:** The STEPS curriculum is open-ended and will depend largely on student-based inquiry and enhancing learning experiences. For example, if a 6<sup>th</sup> grader is interested in furthering knowledge about Ancient Cultures, learning will be designed to expand their understanding.

**Continuation:** Must maintain A's and B's or 3's and 4's in all subject areas

- Lower than a B or 3 results in 1 MP probation
- 2 consecutive grades lower than B or 3 will be excluded

Must maintain conduct codes from school handbook  
Students who are ineligible due to grades may be re-evaluated by request of teacher or principal at the end of each MP

## *STEPS Timeline of Acceptance*

**June-** students in grades 3-7 who were enrolled in STEPS are auto-renewed.

**September** – students in grade 3 who completed Junior STEPS in grade 2 take the CogAt to determine continuation.

**October** – STEPS classes begin.

**November-** students in grades 3-7 who are new to the district or not in Junior STEPS eligible for recommendation by teachers.