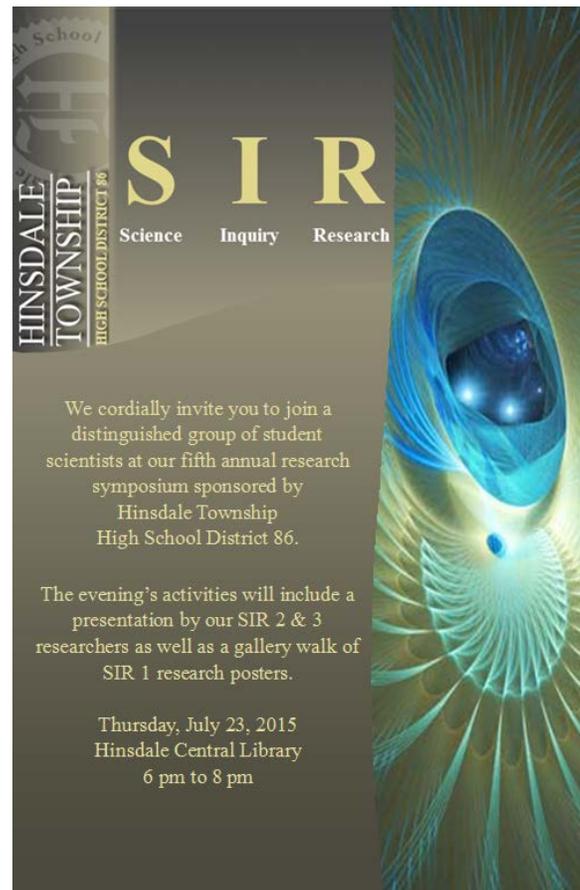


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Hinsdale District 86 Student Scientists to Present at the Fifth Annual SIR Symposium

The July 23 Event is Open to the Public



Hinsdale, Ill. – July 23, 2015 – Hinsdale Township High School District 86 is proud to announce that the students in the Science Inquiry Research, or SIR, program will present their research this evening at the fifth annual SIR symposium. The event will be held in the library of Hinsdale Central High School from 6 to 8 p.m. The event is free and all are welcome to attend.

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In all, 48 students enrolled in the SIR program this summer, the largest total number of students enrolled to date. First-year students chose research topics based on their interests and the capabilities of the high school labs. Second and third year students chose topics that aligned with their interests but also worked with a mentor to conduct research in advanced laboratory settings. This year, mentors included professionals from the University of Michigan, New Generation Power, Rush University, Rush University Medical Center, Loyola University Chicago, Northwestern University, the American Academy of Pediatric Dentistry, SanDisk, the University of Chicago and Midwestern University.

All SIR students will have the opportunity to compete at the Illinois Junior Academy of Science's Science Exposition as well as other regional and national research symposiums and competitions.

The SIR program is one of a very small group of research programs that direct students in the pursuit of independent research," said Mark Wollschlaeger, Hinsdale Central science teacher and SIR leader "We are proud that the SIR program continues to grow. With STEM-related career fields growing exponentially, this course prepares students with skills not learned through traditional course work

Mr. Wollschlaeger also notes that he is always looking for people to volunteer their time and serve as mentors for second- and third-year students. To find out more about becoming a mentor, contact him at mwollsch@hinsdale86.org.

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