

Challenge Program

Grades 3-8 - Forest Park District 91 - Mrs. Finn



September 9, 2021

Dear Mr. Fomitchev,

Forest Park D91 is a small, diverse, urban fringe district serving a high percentage of low income families. The district is dedicated to innovative instruction and personalized attention. The Challenge Program was started to give our high ability learners space, resources and opportunities to really spread their wings and engage in learning. Students in the Challenge Program come from three district schools in grades 3-8 and engage in a variety of student-driven project and problem-based learning experiences.

We plan to use the Endurance laser in the Challenge Program in ways that will help the students to build on their critical thinking and problem solving skills and bring out creative expression in their research products/presentations. Integrating the laser as a design tool will give students a new set of technology planning skills and encourages collaboration about the execution of a project.

The Endurance laser will help students create project exhibit presentations for some of their advanced research projects. Additionally, students will integrate the use of the laser in constructing architecture models based loosely on Frank Lloyd Wright as we learn about Organic Architecture. Finally, I hope to hold after school laser engraving workshops for girls and boys to learn to design with this technology.

We sincerely thank you for donating a 5.6 W Endurance laser for our students to explore their potential.

Grace Finn

Challenge Program Coordinator

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