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**Florence District One
Gifted and Talented Visual Arts Program**

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Dear Parent:

During June 2014, a gifted and talented art program will operate for seventh and eighth graders. This program will be an expansion of the current Horizons Gifted and Talented program for fourth, fifth, and sixth graders with curriculum and activities designed for older more advanced students. In order to select from the students in the district, screening will begin immediately in all middle schools to identify students who are eligible and serious about this kind of program. We do not want to miss giving your child the opportunity if he/she is interested and committed to the work need to apply for this special program. Nominations will close on November 1st, 2013.

<u>Program Dates:</u>	1 st session:	June 9 – June 18, 2014
	2 nd session:	June 19 – June 30, 2014
		Monday – Friday, 8:00 a.m. – 12:00 noon

Location: Briggs Elementary School

If your child decides to try out for this program, please discuss the importance of completing the screening requirements received from the art teacher. If accepted into this program, your child must attend the entire eight days of instruction. Transportation to and from Briggs and a snack will be the parent's responsibility. All other costs are provided by the school district. Students will have the option of participating in both sessions.

Florence District One uses the S.C. State Department of Education guidelines for selection. A faculty member or parent may make nominations. Forms are available in the schools and district office or you may simply return the bottom part of this form. Each nominee completes a portfolio of four art assignments that are evaluated by the teacher and a district committee. An informal interview is held in March in which the district committee spends 5-10 minutes talking with your child about the artwork. If you have additional questions, contact Laura McFadden, 669-4141.

Parent Nomination Information

- I would like my child to try out for H2 2014. I understand that I will be notified by May 1, 2014 whether my child has been accepted based on his/her screening scores.

- I am not interested in my child's trying out for H2 2014.

Student's Name _____

Mailing Address _____ zip code _____

Parent's Name _____

Parent's Signature _____

Phone Number _____