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TO: Computer Science Placement Test Applicant

This memo will tell you something about what you can expect on the Placement Test.

The test will be held on Friday, 18 August, 2006, at 9 AM. The test will be in two parts, a written part and a programming part. You will have one hour for the written part (40 pts) and two hours for the programming part (60 pts). The written can be on any concept in the packets. There are seven packets: 5 programming packets plus Computer Number Systems and Boolean Algebra. The programming packets do not stand alone. You may need to read Java books to understand the concepts. There are several textbooks on the CD you will request.

The programming part will be in Java. It is open book and open notes. You may bring a disk or CD with you containing any programs that you have written from the packets. You may not just bring programs that you have not written or that are not solutions to packet problems.

You must request the Fairfax County Public Schools Computer Science CD. It will contain information you will need. There is a sample program. The programming part of the Placement Test will be similar to the sample. Among the required concepts, the sample requires use of a class from another class, arrays, and textfiles.

I want you to do well and achieve Computer Science Placement. From past experience it is unlikely that you will pass this demonstration of your knowledge unless you have worked at least the sample problem. That is the minimum. To increase your chance of placement, you will need to review all the packets and work at least some of the programs in each packet.

This is a serious undertaking requiring study and preparation. I wish you every success. Additional information will be sent to you early in June.

Attachments:

TJHSST Computer Science Placement Test Request / Verification Form
Placement CD Request Form