

OLYMPIA SCHOOL DISTRICT

MIDDLE SCHOOL CHOICE PROGRAM

Thank you for your interest in our Olympia School District middle school choice programs. This document includes important information about the lottery for enrollment in **JAMS** (Jefferson Accelerated Math and Science program) at Jefferson Middle School and **CSI** (Citizen Science Institute) at Marshall Middle School.

LOTTERY PROCESS FOR ENROLLMENT

Parents/guardians will fill in an application for each program they are interested in. Choice school lottery processes will be conducted at each school site. Lottery numbers will be assigned using a random number generator and families will be assigned a unique lottery number. The children of full-time district employees who reside in or outside of the district boundary are eligible for enrollment at the school per RCW 28A.225.225 and are eligible to enter the choice school lottery for CSI or JAMS.

We encourage you to attend an information meeting to learn more about the programs. If you have questions we encourage you to contact the school.

Applications are online and at the schools.

- Once a child is accepted in the program, there is no need to apply each year.
- One lottery application form is needed for each child for each program.
- A waitlist will be created at the school and openings will be offered if additional spots become available. The waitlist will be in place through the 2019-20 school year only.

THE CHOICE PROGRAM LOTTERY POOL NUMBERS WILL BE ASSIGNED IN THE ORDER OUTLINED BELOW ACCORDING TO THE PROTOCOL FOR EACH PROGRAM:

1. Within-district students
2. Out-of-district students

Please complete and return the Choice Program Lottery Application to the school's main office, by **Thursday, March 14, 2019**. Families will be notified by the school office by **April 1, 2019**, if their child is accepted.

If you are offered an enrollment spot, please respond to the offer **by April 11, 2019**. If you **do not respond by April 11**, the seat will be offered to another student and you will be removed from the lottery. When you accept the enrollment spot, you will be given specific instructions on how to register your child for the 2019-20 school year.

The Olympia School District
Jefferson Accelerated Math & Science (JAMS) Program
2019-2020 Enrollment Process

We are pleased that you are interested in having your son or daughter consider the Olympia School District Accelerated Middle School Program at Jefferson Middle School (JAMS). Here is the information that you will need to know in order to enroll your student in the lottery process.

Step 1:

- You are encouraged to attend a parent / student information meeting.
6:30 PM, Tuesday February 26th at Jefferson Middle School
6:30 PM, Thursday February 28th at Reeves Middle School

Step 2:

- Parents/Guardians fill out the application form (included in this packet). Forms are also available online under the Academics tab on the Olympia School District website.

Step 3:

- Hand deliver or e-mail completed forms to:
Jefferson Middle School
Ivy Bronemann or Mike Cimino
2200 Conger Ave. NW
Olympia, WA 98502

Email: JAMSJMS@OSD.WEDNET.EDU

APPLICATION DEADLINE:

- All applications must be delivered to Jefferson by 4:00 PM Thursday, **March 14th** to be considered for the Pool 1 lottery.

Step 4:

- Pool 1 lottery will be held on March 26, 2019. Parents will be notified of the lottery results within one week after the lottery. **Please make sure to update your information online in Family Access because that will be the method of notification.**

Step 5:

- If selected for the JAMS program, hand deliver or e-mail the commitment letter no later than 4:00 PM on April 11, 2019.

Selection rules and procedures for the lottery and continuation in the program:

1. Students must be entering 6th, 7th, or 8th grade in the fall of 2019.
2. In-district applicants have priority over out-of-district applicants.
3. Students designated as Highly Capable have first priority into the program.

Lottery:

- Pool 1:
Students meeting the selection criteria for success will be randomly selected until all spots are filled or names are exhausted, whichever comes first.
Criteria:
SBA scores for Reading, Writing, Math, and Science at level 3 or level 4.
MAP scores for Reading and Math above the 85th Percentile.
 - Pool 2:
Space permitting, students not meeting Pool 1 criteria will be drawn to fill remaining spots with preference given to students who meet the following:
SBA scores- High Level 2 or higher
MAP scores - 75th percentile or higher
 - Waiting List:
If spaces are filled and applicants remain, those students will be placed on a waiting list based on the selection criteria.
4. Families of students in the top 28 spots (per cohort AM and PM) will be notified by e-mail within one week of the lottery and invited to formally enroll in the program.
 5. Families will have a deadline to accept or decline the invitation to enroll in the program. Those families who decline placement for the 2019-2020 school year will have their names removed from the lottery list but may reapply the following year to enter the lottery again.
 6. For following school years, returning students who have successfully completed the current year and have submitted a re-enrollment form will continue in the program.
 7. If spots open during the school year, they will be offered to the person based on the remaining waiting list. Late applicants, after Pool 1 lottery, will be added to the Pool 2 lottery or the waiting list based on the selection criteria.
 8. Each year, a new lottery will be held for the incoming sixth grade class and openings in the seventh and eighth grade program. A new waiting list will be established each year.

For further information, call: Michael Cimino or Ivy Bronemann at 360-596-3200

Olympia School District
Jefferson Accelerated Math & Science Program Application
2019-2020

Student Name (please print): _____

Current School: _____ Neighborhood Middle School: _____

Current Teacher: _____ Current Grade Level: _____

Have you applied to other programs? YES / NO Which ones _____

- For 6th graders-Music is the required elective for 6th graders. You must rank order all your music choices below: 1 is your first choice and 3 is your last choice.
_____ *Band* _____ *Choir* _____ *Orchestra*
- For 7th graders-If your child is interested in taking a music elective (check one ONLY): This is dependent upon a PE waiver and the availability of the music class.
_____ *Band* _____ *Choir* _____ *Orchestra*
- For 8th graders-If your child is interested in taking a music elective (check one ONLY): This is dependent upon a PE waiver and the availability of the music class.
_____ *Band* _____ *Choir* _____ *Orchestra*

Please make sure the information below is current online in Family Access

Contact Information: Parent /Guardian #1

Name: _____ Phone number: _____

Mailing address: _____ City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

E-mail address: _____

Contact Information: Parent /Guardian #2

Name: _____ Phone number: _____

Mailing address: _____ City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

E-mail address: _____

I understand that students who reside outside of the Jefferson Middle School neighborhoods may have transportation available after the bus routes have been determined.

(Printed name of parent/guardian)

(Signature of parent/guardian)

Sample of Student Writing

(6th Grade only)

The following section must be filled out in the student's handwriting (not typed), and in the student's voice. Parents should not dictate the content. This page is intended to give the child an opportunity to communicate his or her interest in the accelerated program. Please return it with the application form. The writing sample will not be used in the lottery process.

Student Name _____

Why are you interested in taking part in the Jefferson Accelerated Math & Science (JAMS) program? Explain in detail your reasons.