

# OLYMPIA SCHOOL DISTRICT

## MIDDLE SCHOOL CHOICE PROGRAMS

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 2020-21 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, February 13, 2020**. Families will be notified by the school office by **March 5, 2020**, if their child is accepted.

If you are offered an enrollment spot, please respond to the offer **by March 10, 2020**. If you do not respond by March 10, 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 2020-21 school year.

The Olympia School District  
Jefferson Accelerated Math & Science (JAMS) Program  
2020-2021 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, Thursday February 6<sup>th</sup> at Jefferson 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](mailto:JAMSJMS@OSD.WEDNET.EDU)

APPLICATION DEADLINE:

- All applications must be delivered to Jefferson by 3:30 PM Thursday, **February 13th** to be considered for the Pool 1 lottery.

Step 4:

- Pool 1 lottery will be held on February 27, 2020. 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 3:30 PM on March 10, 2020.

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

1. Students must be entering 6<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup>, or 8<sup>th</sup> grade in the fall of 2020.
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 85<sup>th</sup> 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 - 75<sup>th</sup> 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 2020-2021 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

