



### 2020/21 Information Night Frequently Asked Questions

- **When can I apply?**

The lottery is open until March 19th at 3pm.

- **Where do I find the link?**

On the district website, go to Schools > Realms Middle School > Our School”, then scroll down below the student with the microscope. Choose English or Spanish for a 5 page online form.

- **How do I know if you received my online application?**

You will receive a confirmation email automatically from Google Form. Remember to check your Junk and Spam folders if you don't see one.

- **When do we find out if we were accepted?**

Acceptance and waitlist emails will be sent out on **Friday, April 2nd.**

- **Do students from Realms Middle School automatically get into Realms High School?**

Realms High School will reserve 30 of their 9th grade spots for current Realms Middle School students. Perspective students must still fill out a Choice Options application for Realms High.

- **Does my 5th grader automatically get in if their sibling is in 8th grade?**

Effective the 2020-21 school year lottery, siblings in 5th grade will not have sibling preference if their sibling is in 8th grade. Sibling preference will only be given to those students who will attend the same school during the same school year.

- **Do twins fill out two separate applications?**

No. Families with multiple children entering the same grade (twins, blended families, adoption, etc) will be included on ONE Choice Option application form.

- **If a Realms Middle School student decides to go to a different high school for 9th grade and then wants to return to Realms High, will they be able to automatically get in?**

No. They will have to apply and will be placed on a “non-reserved waiting list”.

- **Can I apply to the Realms lottery and still put in an application at Westside Village School or Bend International School?**

Students may only be included in one choice school lottery in a given year. Westside Village is a **choice** school, so students must choose to apply to Realms or WVMS, but not both. Since

Bend International is a **charter** school, you may apply at both Realms and BIS.

- **What if my student is placed on the waitlist based on the lottery result?**  
Waitlists at Realms are used to fill openings when they occur. In order to remain on the waitlist you will need to fill out an application each year.
- **Does Realms have a Special Education teacher?**  
YES - Realms does have a special education team who works to support students on Individualized Education Plans (IEP's).
- **Does Realms have a TAG Program?**  
NO - We do not have an official TAG program. However, we typically serve a high percentage of TAG students at Realms and our curriculum has been designed to intentionally include many opportunities for TAG students to be challenged at their individual rate and level of learning.
- **Does Realms offer foreign language?**  
Currently no. However, in the past we have offered Spanish, French and Japanese as one of our Friday elective "enrichment" classes.
- **Does Realms have a music program?**  
While Realms does not offer a traditional band, orchestra, or choir program, we have been able to occasionally offer music classes through our Friday elective program
- **Can Realms students play school sports?**  
YES - Realms students ARE eligible to play on the sports teams (example football, track, volleyball etc) at the district middle school in whose area you reside. For example, if you attend Realms and reside in the Sky View Middle School attendance area you may play on any SVMS sports team.
- **Does Realms have any after school programs or activities?**  
YES - In the past we have offered the following after school programs: Homework Club, Leadership, Magic Club, Yoga, Dungeons and Dragons.
- **Can Realms students ride the Bend La Pine school bus to school?**  
YES - Students can ride on a shuttle to Realms from any of the middle schools in the morning. We also have a bus that picks up our students in the afternoon. We strongly encourage our families to carpool, as well as walking and biking to school.
- **Does Realms follow the same school calendar as the Bend La Pine Schools?**  
Most of the "major dates" for holidays are the same as for all Bend La Pine middle schools. Student led conferences at Realms are generally on different dates, and Realms sometimes has different and/or additional professional development days. A detailed calendar of the current school year is provided to our families in August.
- **Can my student attend part time?**  
Generally no. The Realms schedule and approach to learning is designed to be most effective for full time students.
- **Do Realms students take the same state assessments as other public school students?**  
YES - Realms school students must take the same state assessments as all public school students.