



# 2022/23 Information Night Frequently Asked Questions

## Lottery

### **When can I apply?**

The lottery is open now and closes on **January 20th, 2023 at 3pm.**

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

At [www.bend.k12.or.us](http://www.bend.k12.or.us), go to ACADEMICS > Choice Options. Scroll down to “Grades 1-8 Choice Options Schools”

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

You will receive a confirmation email automatically from Google Form. Check your Spam folder if you don't see it.

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

Acceptance and waitlist emails will be sent out on **Friday, January 27th** by email.

### **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.

### **Are 8th graders from Realms Middle School guaranteed a spot at Realms High School?**

Under the current policy, 25 out of the 50 ninth grade openings at RHS are reserved for students from RMS. If more than 25 8th graders from RMS want to remain at RHS, there will be a lottery.

### **Is there a “sibling preference” between the MS and HS?**

Yes, as long as both students will be attending Realms Middle or High in the same school year, siblings do receive preference. You still MUST fill out an online lottery application for your student. If there is space available in that grade, the sibling will automatically be enrolled. If there is not a space available, they will move to the top of the current waitlist for that grade and will be offered the next available spot if one opens up.

## RMS Program

### **Does Realms have a Special Education teacher?**

YES - Realms does have a special education team who works to support students on IEPs.

### **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 or a music program?**

We do not currently offer language courses at the middle school however, one of our elective classes that students can sign up for is Spanish Cultures that meets three days a week and offers a mix of language, history, food and culture. While we do not offer a traditional band, orchestra, or choir program, we currently offer a music elective class as one of our choices. It meets three days a week and is taught by a local music instructor.

### **Can Realms students play school sports?**

YES! Realms has a cross country team, the Realms Redtails, that competes in both large and small school meets in the fall. In addition, Realms students ARE eligible to play on the sports teams (example football, track, volleyball etc) at the middle school they are designated to in the District boundary.

### **What kinds of electives are offered for middle schoolers?**

Our elective classes change from time to time depending on staff and student interest. This year at the middle school, we have electives three days a week and are offering Spanish Cultures, Music/Guitar, Drama, STEM, Photography, Yearbook/Journalism and Woodshop.

### **Does Realms have any after school programs or activities?**

YES! What we offer changes from time to time depending on our staff and student interests. This year we are currently offering Chess, Magic the Gathering, Roots and Shoots, Dungeons and Dragons, and a Leadership Club.

### **Can Realms students ride the Bend LaPine school bus to and from school?**

YES! Students can ride the bus or walk to their neighborhood middle schools in the morning and then hop on a transfer bus that will bring them to Realms. In the afternoon, buses pick them up and bring them back to their neighborhood middle school and then they transfer to the bus that takes them to the district bus stop nearest their home.

### **Does Realms follow the same school calendar as the Bend La Pine Schools?**

Most of the “major dates” for holidays are the same as all Bend La Pine middle schools. Student-led- conferences at Realms are generally on different dates, and Realms occasionally 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.

### **Could an accelerated RMS student take a high school math course?**

Yes, this is possible! We currently have 8th graders taking higher level math online here during their math class.

### **Will class sizes or school enrollment size change?**

No, we are not planning any class size or enrollment growth at the moment. We currently plan to keep RMS enrollment at 152 students and class sizes will remain approximately 25.

### **What are the school start and end times?**

This year both the Realms MS and HS start at 9:00 and end at 3:20. On Wednesdays, school releases at 1:50 for both schools. School times may change for next year and are not typically announced until August and depend on our transportation department.

## **Campus Questions**

### **Are the middle and high school classrooms and bathrooms separate?**

Yes, almost ALL of the MS facilities are located on the north end of the building and HS on the south side. There is a large wall separating the two halves. We do have some shared spaces and classrooms but we use them at separate times. There are separate middle school and high school bathrooms.

### **Will there be separate school entries for the middle school?**

Middle and high school students will enter and exit through the main, secure, “front entry”. Middle schoolers who ride the bus get dropped off/picked up in the back of the building and enter/exit through the middle school gym doors.

### **Will there be bike racks and safe biking routes?**

We DO have bike racks and bike storage on campus. There is also a proposed bike lane project coming to Boyd Acres and Brinson area. We have many students that regularly ride to school.

### **Do middle school students eat lunch together with high school students?**

No, our lunches are staggered and are not mixed.