

This application is for students who **will be entering 6<sup>th</sup> grade in 2017-18...or students new to Nautilus Middle School.**



## Junior Scholars International

Application 2017-18

*Letter of Instruction*

Nautilus Middle School/IB World School

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Dear Students and Parents,

Please read this carefully prior to completing the Junior Scholars International (JSI) Application. Each section on this application contains very specific directions and requires complete information neatly and legibly filled in. Since proper completion of this application is one of the entrance criteria for Junior Scholars International (JSI), it is essential you adhere to these guidelines.

The goal of the JSI program is to provide students who have advanced intellectual, academic, and/or creative capabilities, the opportunity to be a part of a rigorous and challenging learning environment in order to reach their highest level of learning and achievement.

Two confidential teacher recommendations are required. Please give the forms to **current or former** teachers of your child. Teachers will submit the recommendation under separate cover. You are responsible for submitting the application and all required documents.

### **Parents:**

- **Please keep a copy of your child's application for your records.**
- **Please include a copy of your child's most recent FSA or other standardized test results, and the most recent report card with the JSI application.**

We look forward to seeing you at Nautilus Middle School.

Thank you.

### **Checklist (for parent use):**

\_\_\_ Completed application submitted.

\_\_\_ Copy of FCAT/FSA scores submitted.

\_\_\_ Copy of most recent Report Card submitted.

\_\_\_ Confidential recommendation forms given to 2 teachers.



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## What is Junior Scholars International (JSI)?

JSI at Nautilus Middle School is a rigorous academic honors program for highly motivated and high performing students.

## Who can apply to the JSI Program?

All students new to Nautilus Middle School are eligible to apply for entrance to JSI and must submit an application.

## What are the JSI entrance requirements?

To qualify for JSI, students entering Nautilus Middle School must:

- have a 3.5 G.P.A. (mostly A's and B's)
- score proficient or higher on their most recent reading and math standardized tests (i.e. FSA Level 3 or higher).
- have exemplary teacher recommendations.
- complete a JSI application.

## Where can I get the application and confidential recommendation forms?

Applications and forms will be available at Miami Beach elementary schools, at Nautilus Middle School, and on the school's website <http://nautilus.dadeschools.net/>, beginning November 2016.

## What must be submitted with the application?

Additional documents required are:

- the most recent FSA or equivalent standardized test scores.
- the most current report card.
- two confidential** teacher recommendations (sent in by teacher).

## Will students be interviewed?

An interview will no longer be required unless requested (by the school or parent) due to incomplete information or other extenuating circumstances.

## Is there a deadline for JSI applications?

Yes. Completed applications must be submitted by **March 1, 2017 (extended to April 1, 2017)**.

## How and when will I know if my child has been accepted into JSI?

You will receive notification of the status of your child's application via email or U.S. mail in accordance with the following timeline:

- Submitted by **March 1** (Notifications sent the week of March 15<sup>th</sup>)
- Submitted by **April 1** (Notifications sent the week of April 15<sup>th</sup>)

## What if I am unsure if my child will attend Nautilus Middle School?

It is recommended that your child submit an application. Students who do not submit an application may lose the opportunity to be accepted into the JSI program.

## What is the difference between Gifted and JSI?

Giftedness reflects innate, advanced aptitudes that may or may not emerge as exceptional academic achievement over time. Thus, not all gifted students are high achievers. To be admitted into the JSI honors program, students must demonstrate that they are high achieving students and meet the JSI qualifications. Many of our Gifted students are accepted into the JSI program, however acceptance is not contingent on being Gifted.

## What if my child is currently a student at Nautilus Middle School?

No application is required for currently enrolled students. If a student demonstrates outstanding academic performance in all classes, he or she may qualify for the program and parents will be contacted.

For further information about JSI contact Mr. Fernandez, [rfernandez4@dadeschools.net](mailto:rfernandez4@dadeschools.net).