

This application is for students who **will be entering 6th grade in 2018-19...or students new to Nautilus Middle School.**



Junior Scholars International

Instructions/Application 2018-19

Nautilus Middle School/IB World School

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Dear Students and Parents,

The goal of the JSI program is to provide students who have advanced intellectual and academic 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.

Please read this carefully prior to completing the Junior Scholars International (JSI) Application. Each section of the JSI application contains very specific directions and requires complete information neatly and legibly filled in. Since proper completion of the JSI application is one of the entrance criteria for Junior Scholars International (JSI), it is essential you adhere to these guidelines. 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 most recent FSA (or equivalent) test scores submitted.
- ___ Copy of most recent Report Card submitted.
- ___ Teacher recommendation forms given to 2 current or former 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 admittance to JSI.

What are the JSI admissions requirements?

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

- Have a 3.5 G.P.A. (mostly A's and B's) in both academic/conduct grades
- Score proficient or higher on their most recent reading and math standardized tests (i.e. FSA Level 3 or higher).
- Have exemplary teacher recommendations.
- Submit a completed JSI application.

Where can I get the application and confidential recommendation forms?

Applications and forms will be available at Nautilus Middle School and on our school's website <http://nautilus.dadeschools.net/> beginning in **November 2017**.

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 student interviews be held?

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 **April 1, 2018**.

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 on **April 15th (or earlier)** depending on the date the application was submitted.

What if I am unsure if my child will attend Nautilus Middle School? It is recommended that your child submit an. Upon JSI acceptance, parents/students can then make the decision whether to attend Nautilus Middle School. Students who have not submitted 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 will be recommended by teachers and be considered for admittance to the program.

Are school tours available?

Yes. School tours take place the first Tuesday of each month. For school tour information, please contact Mr. Michael Smith, msmith3@dadeschools.net.

For further information about JSI contact Mr. Fernandez, rfernandez4@dadeschools.net.