



## Come be a Patriot!

We are so pleased you want to be an Independence Charter Middle School Patriot! We believe we are a family here at ICMS, and we want you to love coming to school. We believe learning should be fun, engaging, collaborative, and connect to the real world.

Depending on Covid accessibility, visits to ICMS by prospective 5<sup>th</sup> graders may be a possibility. We want to have you come see how amazing being a part of our traditions can be; however, we must first keep everyone safe and healthy. We will post on our website if this becomes an option.

### Open House

We'd love to have Parents and students come and visit the school, meet the faculty, learn about our curriculum, and all of our exciting programs. We welcome you to ask questions and tour the school Thursday, February 18<sup>th</sup>, 2021 at 6:00 P.M. If any changes to this event need to be made due to Covid, they will be posted on our website ([icmsokc.com](http://icmsokc.com)). **We are looking forward to seeing you there!**

### Application Packets

Application packets are available on our website at [icmsokc.com](http://icmsokc.com) or may be picked up at the school.

Please feel free to call should you have any questions.

Independence Charter Middle School

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Application forms are due by 4:00 P.M. March 1st, 2021.

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# INDEPENDENCE CHARTER MIDDLE SCHOOL

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WELCOME TO THE INDEPENDENCE CHARTER MIDDLE SCHOOL ("ICMS") APPLICATION & LOTTERY PROCESS! We thank you for considering ICMS for your child's/children's future education. We'd like to take a moment to explain the process and lottery to you.

ICMS is a charter school. We are required by Oklahoma Statute Title 70 §3-140(A) to run a lottery for student admission every year due to the large number of applicants who wish to attend ICMS. ICMS is subject to the requirements of charter school law; therefore, applicants will receive priority in the following order:

1. Applicants who have siblings who either currently attend or graduated from ICMS/HARDING CHARTER PREP and are or were in good standing with parent hours.
2. Applicants within OKCPS boundaries.
3. Applicants outside of the OKCPS boundaries.

It is important to note if the applicant lives outside the boundaries of the Oklahoma City Public School District, an application for transfer from OKCPS must be completed online upon acceptance to Independence Charter Middle School.

Attached you will find a copy of the application packet. Please read each page carefully, fill it out completely (either type or print legibly in ink) and return to the school office at ICMS no later than 4:00 P.M. on March 1<sup>st</sup>, 2021. We will accept either delivery by U.S. Mail, email to [agresham@icmsokc.com](mailto:agresham@icmsokc.com) or you can hand deliver to the school office. Faxes of Applications will NOT be accepted. Any applications received after 4:00 P.M. on March 1<sup>st</sup> will be considered on the "waiting list" and not a part of the actual lottery process. Please be sure to give at least two contact phone numbers on the application. The lottery process is as follows:

1. Applications for the 2021-2022 school year are available beginning November 16, 2020.
2. Applications are due by 4:00 PM on March 1, 2021.
3. On March 8, 2021 (Lottery Day), the computer will randomly generate a list of students from the applications received.
4. The admissions committee will call the names on the list to tell them they made the lottery and ask if their desire is to attend ICMS.
5. Letters of Intent (LOI) are mailed asking the parent/guardian to please sign and return stating the child's desire to attend. If LOI is not returned by due date, the child's spot will be forfeited.
6. Once the LOI is signed and returned, that child's name is officially included in enrollment the following fall.
7. After all spots are filled, we start a "waiting list". As positions come open due to attrition, moving, etc., we will call applicants on the waiting list to determine if they are interested in attending ICMS.

Please note even if you have a child that has attended or attends ICMS/HCP, you still must fill out an application for each student.

The ICMS Admissions Committee

# Independence Charter Middle School

## Admissions Checklist

- \_\_\_ 1. ICMS Application Form.
- \_\_\_ 2. Copy of one utility bill (electric, gas, city services).
- \_\_\_ 3. Copy of parent's driver license or ID.
- \_\_\_ 4. Signed Academic Expectation letter

If outside of the Oklahoma City Public School District,  
an online transfer application will need to be completed upon acceptance to  
Independence Charter Middle School.

**NO APPLICATION WILL BE CONSIDERED COMPLETE OR PUT INTO  
THE LOTTERY UNTIL ALL OF THE ABOVE INFORMATION IS  
SUBMITTED TO ICMS.**

**ALL APPLICATIONS MUST BE PRINTED IN INK OR TYPEWRITTEN.**

All **COMPLETE** applications received in the ICMS school office, either  
by U.S. Mail, email to [agresham@icmsokc.com](mailto:agresham@icmsokc.com) or hand-delivery, on or  
before **4:00 P.M. March 1<sup>st</sup>, 2021** will be put through the lottery. Faxes  
of applications will **NOT** be accepted. ALL **COMPLETE** applications  
received after this date and time will be put on a waiting list in the order  
received.

**\*\*NO EXCEPTIONS \*\***



## DEADLINE MARCH 1, 2021

(Must be in the school office no later than 4:00 P.M)

Date Received \_\_\_\_\_

Time Received \_\_\_\_\_

### INDEPENDENCE CHARTER MIDDLE SCHOOL

Application to Participate in Admission Lottery  
School Year 2021-2022

Student's Name \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Birth \_\_\_\_\_

*PLEASE TYPE OR PRINT LEGIBLY IN INK*

Grade Level Completed Spring, 2021 \_\_\_\_\_ Student's Current School \_\_\_\_\_

Student's Primary Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Legal Guardian #1 \_\_\_\_\_ Relationship to Student \_\_\_\_\_

Primary Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Alternate Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Legal Guardian #2 \_\_\_\_\_ Relationship to Student \_\_\_\_\_

Primary Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Alternate Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address \_\_\_\_\_

Does the student applying have a sibling attending or who graduated from ICMS/Harding Charter Prep? \_\_\_\_\_

Name of ICMS/HCP sibling \_\_\_\_\_ Current Grade or Year Graduated for sibling \_\_\_\_\_

*Please note that Parent Hours must be in good standing for sibling exemption*

**IF ANY OF THE ABOVE INFORMATION CHANGES THE APPLICANT IS RESPONSIBLE FOR UPDATING THE APPLICATION. ACCEPTANCE OF APPLICATION FOR THE LOTTERY DOES NOT GUARANTEE A SEAT IN THE CLASS.**

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## ACADEMIC EXPECTATIONS

Dear Parents and Guardians,

We are so pleased you desire to have your student attend Independence Charter Middle School (ICMS). We want to have your student come be a part of the Patriot experience here.

Nonetheless, we do want you and your student to know **the academics at ICMS are challenging**.

Our goal is to prepare all our students to be successful in a college preparatory high school.

As such, we have a focus on STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Art, and Math).

Additionally, we believe in hands-on learning, student choice when applicable, collaboration on group projects, and applying learning to real world situations. We are an AVID school, which means we have a class focused on life skills that will help these students be successful in both college and a career. AVID students must apply and interview to be accepted into this program when they enter 6th grade.

Our faculty and staff remain committed to challenging each student based on that student's individual abilities. We hold high expectations for each student and for each parent in support of their student's academic success. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Ms. Amanda Mann, so your concerns may be addressed.

I have read the above information regarding academic preparation and expectations.

Parent Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Printed Parent Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Student Applicant Name: \_\_\_\_\_

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# **INDEPENDENCE CHARTER MIDDLE SCHOOL MISSION STATEMENT**

Our mission is to prepare our students to be successful in an academically challenging high school.



## **DID YOU KNOW?**

Students who attend Independence Charter Middle School now automatically qualify to attend Harding Charter Prep for high school?

Independence Charter Middle School and Harding Charter Prep are sponsored by the non-profit, Families for Excellence in Education, Inc.

Eighth graders attending ICMS who complete and return the Harding Charter Prep application by their deadline will automatically be admitted to the high school.