



Benjamin Carson Science Academy

- Applications MUST be postmarked by deadline date:
Summer-March 15
Fall-September 15
Spring-December 15
- Applications should be complete upon submission. Incomplete applications will not be reviewed.
- Returning students are considered with priority.
- Early submission is encouraged for new and returning applicants.
- Applicants will be notified of acceptance by mail or email.

New students are required to submit a one page essay.

Elementary students are required to submit a handwritten or typed essay.

Middle school students are required to submit a typed essay, double spaced in Times New Roman 12 point font with 1" margins on each side. The essay topics are listed below by grade level.

Why I want to participate in the Ben Carson Science Academy (4th & 5th Graders)

Why it is important to be scientifically literate in today's society (6th, 7th, & 8th Graders)

The following criteria will be used in selecting students to participate in the Benjamin Carson Science Academy.

ELEMENTARY DIVISION

The student must:

1. have earned a minimum of a “C+” average
2. be a candidate for promotion to the 4th or 5th grade
3. be regular in school attendance
4. have demonstrated academic potential
5. have an aptitude and interest in science
6. be recommended by a teacher
7. submit a short essay on why he/she wants to participate in the Science Academy
8. submit a copy of the most recent report card and achievement test scores

MIDDLE SCHOOL DIVISION

The student must:

1. have a minimum of a “B” average in academic coursework
2. have a minimum of a “B” average math or science
3. be a candidate for promotion to the 6th, 7th or 8th grade
4. be regular in school attendance
5. have demonstrated academic potential
6. have an aptitude and interest in science
7. submit two letters of recommendations from educational officials from the home school (one must be from a science teacher)
8. submit a one page essay on the importance of being scientifically literate in today’s society
9. submit a copy of the most recent report card and achievement test scores

RETURNING STUDENTS

The student must:

1. have maintained the minimum required grade point average (see above for requirements by grade level)
2. be a candidate for promotion to the 4th, 5th, 6th, 7th, or 8th grade
3. accepted to a previous Saturday or Summer Science Academy
4. Complete returning student survey and mail by the postmark deadline
5. submit a copy of the most recent report card and achievement scores

New Elementary Student Checklist

- ☐ Application
- ☐ Medical Consent Form
- ☐ Cultural Electives Form
- ☐ Return receipt postcard
- ☐ Recent student photograph
- ☐ Current Report Card (demonstrating C+ average)
- ☐ Letter of recommendation from current teacher or science teacher
- ☐ One-page writing sample (see writing sample section for instructions)
- ☐ Achievement test scores (i.e. CRCT, ITBS)

New Middle School Student Checklist

- ☐ Application
- ☐ Medical Consent Form
- ☐ Cultural Electives Form
- ☐ Return receipt postcard
- ☐ Recent student photograph
- ☐ Current Report Card (demonstrating C+ average)
- ☐ Letter of recommendation from current science teacher
- ☐ Letter of recommendation
- ☐ One-page writing sample (see writing sample section for instructions)
- ☐ Achievement test scores (i.e. CRCT, ITBS, Stanford)

Returning Student Checklist

- ☐ Returning student application
- ☐ Return receipt postcard
- ☐ Medical Consent Form
- ☐ Current Report Card (report cards from previous programs will not be used)
- ☐ Achievement test scores (i.e. CRCT, ITBS, Stanford)