



Attached are the application materials for Aspire Middle School. It is the applicant's responsibility to be sure that all materials are complete. Incomplete applications will not be considered.

Application Instructions

All student applicants are required to submit:

- Student Profile Page
- Signed Statement of Understanding and Commitment

Application Process:

- Students must meet the following selection criteria:
 - Complete and submit the application by **4:00 p.m. Monday, March 15, 2021** to the AMS front Office or emailed to AMSapplication@nthurston.k12.wa.us
 - Enroll in at least one music class: band, orchestra, choir and commit to at least one by the end of 6th grade year for the remaining years at Aspire.
 - Be committed to participating in the performing arts programs.
 - Reside within the NTPS boundaries.
- Hand delivered applications will be date/time stamped when they are turned in. A selection process number will be issued to the parent/guardian at the time of hand delivered submission and will serve as the receipt of application.
- Emailed applications will be replied to with the selection process number in the content of the email and will serve as your receipt of application.
- Applications must be hand delivered or emailed to AMSapplication@nthurston.k12.wa.us **Mailed in applications will not be accepted.**
 - Students Requesting application aligned with the intentions of the Military Compact will be considered on a case-by-case basis by the Superintendent or Designee.
- Military students who are accepted to Aspire through the selection process and are transferred through military action will have access to their Aspire enrollment spot in the event they return to NTPS during their middle school career.

Selection Process: The selection process will be administered by the District Office.

- Each student with a completed application, received prior to the deadline, shall receive a number. The student's number will be written on the receipt of acceptance when the application is turned in/submitted.
- Each number will be placed one time on one ticket. The ticket will be placed in a container.
- The order drawn will determine the order in which placement at Aspire Middle School will be extended.
- The selection process will take place in the District Office on **March 22, 2021 at 10:00 a.m.** Observation of the process will be open via Zoom/webinar option.
- This selection process has been reviewed and approved by legal counsel.

Acceptance Process: The acceptance process will be administered by Aspire Middle School.

- Families will be notified, in writing, regarding their child's number and whether they are being offered placement at Aspire Middle School.
- Selection process results will be posted on the Aspire website by the evening of **March 25th**.
- Once all placements are offered, the remaining students will be placed on the waiting list in the order they were drawn.
- Should openings occur, the next student on the waiting list who resides in the NTPS school boundaries and enrolled in a performing arts class at their current middle school will be offered placement. Waiting lists will be maintained through the end of the students' 8th grade year.

All application materials must be returned in person or emailed to AMSapplication@nthurston.k12.wa.us by 4:00 p.m. Monday, March 15, 2021 to:

Aspire Middle School – Main Office
5900 54th Avenue
Lacey, WA 98513



Application Packet:
Statement of Understanding
and Commitment
2021-2022

Mission Statement:

Our mission is to create an educational experience where rigorous academic standards, coupled with high quality performing arts instruction, challenges all students to reach their full potential as innovative problem-solvers, skillful artisans, and imaginative learners.

Aspire Middle School will:

- Foster academic excellence through our core program and promote the exploration of the performing arts in our enrichment program.
- Value, foster, and encourage the art of creativity, as it is a skill in constant demand in our global business environment.
- Create an environment for young people to feel physically and emotionally safe. We will provide a school atmosphere that ensures safety in all aspects of school life.
- Promote strong parent and community relationships to help support the intellectual, ethical, and social growth of our students.

Program Restraints

- Aspire Middle School does not have the staffing to serve students who require self-contained programs, such as EBD and DD.

Considering the Aspire Mission Statement and Principles, Aspire students will:

- Adhere to the “Big Three” Firebird Traits:
 - Act Respectfully
 - Act Responsibly
 - Act Safely
- Participate and commit to at least one music program: band, choir, and/or orchestra.
 - Commitment to Music Selection must be made by the end of the 6th grade year and maintained for the remaining years at Aspire.
 - Students must currently be enrolled in a performing arts class (band/choir/orchestra) to be accepted off the waitlist.
- Help to create avenues of success that travel through the school culture and traditions by fully participating in school activities and events.
- Commit to putting forth the effort necessary to be academically successful.
- Reside within the North Thurston Public School boundaries at the time of application and continue to reside within the boundaries while attending Aspire Middle School or to be accepted off the waitlist.

We have carefully read this document and understand the expectations. Should we be offered a placement at Aspire Middle School, we will fully commit to the mission statement, the principles, and the conditions outlined above.

Typing your name will be considered your signature.

Student's Name: _____ Student's Signature: _____

Parent's Name: _____ Parent's Signature: _____

Date: _____

Aspire Middle School
for the Performing Arts



**Application Packet:
Student Profile
2021-2022**

Student Profile: Prospective students must possess a true interest in the performing arts, be responsible, creative, and committed to putting forth great effort. Students at Aspire must also possess the desire to engage in academic challenges that integrate the various performing arts.

Student Name: _____

Male: ____ Female: ____ Current School: _____ Current Grade Level: _____

Parent/Guardian Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

Parent/Guardian Email: _____

Phone: Home _____ Phone: Cell _____

Does the student have identified special needs and an IEP? If yes, please see the Program Constraints section on the Statement of Understanding and Commitment form before applying.

Performing Arts Experience: Prior experience is only required to take band and/or orchestra. Students **must be currently enrolled in either 5th grade band or orchestra** in order to take those music classes in 6th grade. *** If COVID-19 Prevented enrollment in band/orchestra during the 2020/21 school year, expectations will be made for 2021/22 school year**

Performing Arts Experience	Instrument	How many years of experience?	Are you currently enrolled in this program at your school?	
			YES	NO
Band			YES	NO
Orchestra			YES	NO
Choir	You do not need prior experience to take choir. Do you want to take choir at Aspire?		YES	NO