



2020 – 2021

JOE WALKER MIDDLE SCHOOL

STEALTH ACADEMY

SCIENCE, TECHNOLOGY, ENGINEERING, AND LEARNING THROUGH HUMANITIES

6TH GRADE APPLICATION

Applications will be accepted from March 1 – April 15, 2020.

Documents required for application:

1. STEALTH application
2. Inter-district or intra-district transfer
3. CAASPP State test scores from 4th grade
4. NWEA MAP growth results (Family Report)
5. **Two** most recent report cards:
 - 4th grade – end of the year
 - 5th grade – 3rd Quarter (distributed on 3/20/2020)

Return applications to the Westside Union School District office:

Westside Union School District
41914 50th Street West
Quartz Hill, CA 93536

Thank you for your interest in applying to the Joe Walker Middle School - STEALTH Academy. The following is a list of answers to "Frequently Asked Questions" that you may find helpful.

Who can participate in Joe Walker Middle School – STEALTH Academy?

STEALTH education is a school wide program for students enrolled in the 6th, 7th, and 8th grade. There are a limited number of 6th grade seats available for incoming 6th grade students. All students who attend Joe Walker will participate in the STEALTH Academy.

How does my 5th grade student enroll in the 6th grade program at Joe Walker Middle School – STEALTH Academy?

ALL current 5th grade students/incoming 6th grade students MUST apply for the STEALTH Academy (regardless of whether the student is a current Westside Union School District student) **AND** complete the appropriate Inter District Transfer or Intra District Transfer request. **STEALTH Applications, Inter/Intra Transfer requests, and all documentation are due to the WUSD office between March 1 – April 15, 2020.** There are a limited number of seats available for incoming 6th grade students.

How will applying students be selected?

1. All students applying for the academy must meet grade requirements which include:
 - a. If using letter grades, the equivalent of a 3.0 GPA or higher each semester during 4th and 5th grade with no D or F grades.
and/or
 - b. Students on a Standards Based report card must have "2" or higher scores each semester during 4th grade, **AND** "2" or higher scores on their 5th grade, 3rd quarter progress report. *
2. Students must have a "3" or "4" score in College and Career Readiness on their 5th grade, 3rd quarter report card. **
3. Scores at or above 70th percentile on the NWEA 5th grade, 3rd quarter Language Arts Assessment, **AND** scores at or above 70th percentile on the NWEA 5th grade, 3rd quarter Math Assessment. Out of district students must show proficient levels on their 5th grade district assessments. ***
4. Student Meets or Exceeds Standards on 4th grade ELA & Math State Tests. ***
5. An average of 10 or fewer absences when looking at both 4th and 5th grade. ***

* - Students who meet grade requirements, but have multiple "2" scores, will be considered if space is still available after considering students who meet grade requirements and have "3" and "4" scores.

** - Students from out of district must have an A/B or equivalent score in citizenship (or similar category) on their 5th grade report cards.

*** - Students who don't meet eligibility criteria #3, #4 and/or #5 may still apply; however, they will only be considered if space is available after acceptance of all students that meet all levels of eligibility.

How does 6th grade at Joe Walker Middle School – STEALTH Academy differ from 6th grade at the elementary school?

6th grade students will receive departmentalized instruction in each content area. Therefore, each student will receive instruction from a credentialed teacher in Math, Language Arts, Science, History, Physical Education, and Electives. 6th grade students will have access to the same electives, extra-curricular activities, and specialized programs as the 7th and 8th grade students.

How do I apply?

Applications are available now in the Joe Walker Middle School office and online at <http://westside.k12.ca.us/jw>. Transfer requests are available in the school office or the district office only. **Applications, Inter/Intra Transfer requests, and all documentation must be submitted to the WUSD office March 1 – April 15, 2020.** Students will be notified of selection **in June 2020.**

How do I know which classes and programs are available?

Students and parents will want to attend the Joe Walker Middle School STEALTH Academy – **Community EXPO on March 19, 2020 from 5:00 – 7:00 pm** to learn about our exciting classes and program offerings; **an informational session regarding incoming students will be held at 5:00 pm in the cafeteria.** Specific program requirements and applications will be available, and specialized program advisors will be available for questions.

What is the difference between an inter-district transfer and an intra-district transfer?

An inter-district transfer applies to a student who **does not** reside in the Westside Union School District boundaries. An intra-district transfer applies to a student who **does** reside in the Westside Union School District boundaries but **does not** reside in Joe Walker Middle School boundaries. All incoming 6th grade students must complete an Intra District or Inter District transfer.

