



Orange Township Public Schools
Scholars Academy
Karen Machuca
Principal



Gerald Fitzhugh, II, Ed.D.
Superintendent of Schools

June 2023

Dear Parent/Guardian:

It is with great pleasure that I have this opportunity to inform you that your child, _____, successfully met the criterion for selection process to attend the Orange School District's Scholars Academy for Gifted and Talented Education program. Included with this letter are the following items:

- CogAT assessment results for your records.
- Parent and Emergency contact information form
- Bus transportation--must be signed and returned prior to starting the program in September.
- Gifted/Talented program contract--must be signed and returned prior to starting the program in September
- Medical form--must be signed and returned prior to starting the program
- Internet/Media form--must be completed online
 - English: <https://forms.gle/XGXQ65WPjqA8DrLe9>
 - Spanish: <https://forms.gle/Kk3YZVfCCVTaYT9QA>

Please review with your child the requirements of keeping their schoolwork at the level of a scholar and understand they will be required to work hard and adhere to the Scholar Academy's contract and expectations that are attached.

Paperwork can be scanned and emailed to me (machucka@orange.k12.nj.us) or dropped off at Scholars Academy, 268 Capuchin Way, Orange, NJ. Please ensure you have an **updated phone number on your paperwork** so I can add your name to ClassDojo for Scholars. .

On Scholars Day, your child will report to his/her home school for attendance to be taken and will be bussed to Scholars Academy. At the end of the day he/she will be returned to their home school in time for dismissal. The Scholars Academy program will not interfere with any after school hours activities in which your child currently participates. Remember your child's homework at their home school for Scholars Day is **not** exempt. Further information and details about the program can be found on the Scholars' Academy website: <http://www.orange.k12.nj.us/Domain/1625>. Look under the Resources tab for the Gifted and Talented handbook.

Your child's first day for the program (pending the bus permission slip) will be in late September. A welcome letter for the new school year will be sent to you and/or posted on ClassDojo for Scholars. It is essential for us to have your phone number so you are connected to Scholars Academy on ClassDojo. On behalf of the Scholars Academy administration and staff, we look forward to working together to bring this educational opportunity to our community of learners.

Wanting the Best for Your Child,

Mrs. Machuca
Principal

Homeschool: _____



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The Scholars Academy Learning Contract

Read and initial each of the items below:

_____ I will be self-motivated and show a deep interest in learning.

_____ I will display my ability to use reasoning and problem solving skills.

_____ I will be proud of my intellect and have a positive attitude.

_____ I will show creativity; openly share my ideas; show leadership; be a team player.

_____ I will reflect on my learning on a daily basis.

_____ I will meet the academic expectations with all classes to include my home school and the Scholars Academy program.

_____ I will adhere to the district's Code of Conduct.

_____ I will continue to stay in good academic standing at my home school with B's or higher in all subject areas. I understand that not meeting this expectation puts me at risk for exiting the program.

_____ I will maintain weekly attendance at Scholars' Academy throughout the school and understand that I may exit the program if I do not maintain my attendance.

_____ I will maintain my ongoing assessments, portfolios, and other assignments via my Google account throughout the year.

I, _____ (student name), have read and understand the Scholars Academy Contract and agree to abide by its terms and conditions and understand I may be at risk of withdrawing from the program if I do not meet these expectations.

Student Signature _____

Date _____

Parent Signature _____

Date _____



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Scholars' Academy Transportation Form

My child, _____, has permission to attend the Scholars Academy program in which they will be transported to the Scholars Academy at 268 Capuchin Way by school bus between 8:30-9:00 a.m. and arrive back at their home school by 2:15-3:00 p.m. on their designated Scholars Academy day to be dismissed at their home school. **Students will not be transported to Scholars' Academy without this signed and completed permission slip.**

 Parent/Guardian Signature

 Date

 Phone Number

 Home School

 Email address—Print Legibly Please

This form will remain in effect for the duration of my child's participation in the Scholars' Academy program.



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Dear Scholars' Academy Students and Parent/Guardians:

In an effort to ensure we are meeting the medical needs of our students who attend Scholars' Academy, it is **essential** that we know the following by checking one of the boxes:

- My child **has current** medical issues/concerns and/or is taking medication. The home school is aware of their needs. Please contact the school nurse for updated information.

OR

- My child **does not** have medical issues/concerns or takes medication. Please contact the school nurse for updated information.

Student Name: _____

Parent Name: _____

Parent Signature: _____

Current Home School: _____

Date: _____

Active Phone Number: _____