



LOUDOUN COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS

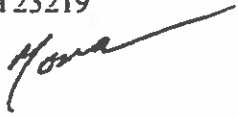
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November 4, 2019

VIA EMAIL AND REGULAR MAIL

The Honorable Mona Siddiqui
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Office of the Attorney General
202 North Ninth Street
Richmond, Virginia 23219

Dear Ms. Siddiqui: 

This letter is a follow up to our telephone conference on October 23, 2019. We appreciate your giving the School Division until December 11 to provide you the information that you requested in your October 3, 2019 letter. This extension is particularly helpful because this is the critical time of year when the School Division recruits and conducts outreach to eighth grade students and their parents/guardians in its 16 middle schools for admission to the Academy of Engineering and Technology ("AET") and Academy of Science ("AOS") programs for the Fall of 2020.

The AET and AOS programs are the only two programs that are offered for ninth grade students at the Academies. The AET program is an advanced four-year academic program that provides science, technology, engineering and mathematics pathways for students to study engineering, information technology and entrepreneurship. The AOS program is an advanced four-year academic program that provides students the opportunity to engage in in-depth study in mathematics, science and research.

The recruitment and outreach for these two programs is extensive and involves recruitment and outreach at all 16 middle schools in the School Division. The Division will provide details about the recruitment and outreach on December 11th. The School Division has been engaged in the recruitment and outreach since August 12, 2019 and the application window just closed on October 25th. The School Division is currently scheduling and administering the tests that are used as part of the selection process. In addition, we are arranging transportation for students to get to the testing site.

During our telephone conference on October 23, you asked if we could provide you the criteria the School Division uses to select ninth grade students for the AET and AOS programs prior to December 11th. See Attachment A for that criteria.

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You also asked that, prior to December 11th the School Division provide you with the demographics of the students who applied to the AET and AOS programs for admission to each of programs for the Fall of 2018 for the 2018-19 school year and for the Fall of 2019 for the 2019-20 school year and for the demographics of the students who were offered seats in each of these programs for the Fall of 2018 for the 2018-19 school year and for the Fall of 2019 for the 2019-20 school year. See Attachment B for the demographics that you requested.

Again, we appreciate your giving us additional time to provide you the information you requested in your October 3, 2019 letter. Please do not hesitate to reach out to me if you have questions before we provide you the additional information you requested.

Sincerely,



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Attachments

cc: Dr. Eric Williams, Superintendent
Dr. Ashley Ellis, Assistant Superintendent of Instruction
Dr. Nyah Hamlett, Chief of Staff

Criteria for Grade 9 Academy of Engineering & Technology (“AET”) and Academy of Science (“AOS”) Programs at the Academies of Loudoun

I. AET Program

All applicants:

- Enrolled in Geometry or above at the time of application
- California Critical Thinking Disposition Inventory scores (“CCTDI”)
- STEM Thinking Skills Assessment

Finalists:

- California Critical Thinking Skills Test (“CCTST-N”)
- Letters of Recommendation from eighth grade math and science teachers
- Writing Assessment
- Final grade of C or above in each course in grades 6 and 7 and C or above in each course for Semester I of grade 8

II. AOS Program

All applicants:

- Enrolled in Algebra I or above at the time of application
- California Critical Thinking Disposition Inventory scores (“CCTDI”)
- STEM Thinking Skills Assessment

Finalists:

- California Critical Thinking Skills Test (“CCTST-N”)
- Letters of Recommendation from eighth grade math and science teachers
- Writing Assessment
- Final grade of C or above in each course in grades 6 and 7 and C or above in each course for Semester I of grade 8

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The Academies of Loudoun Admissions
Fall 2018 Applications for SY1920

AET Program-9th Grade		
American Indian		%
Asian	677	63.81%
Black/African American	30	2.83%
Hispanic	43	4.05%
Pacific Islander		%
Two or More	34	3.20%
White	271	25.54%
Total		100.00%

AOS Program-9th Grade		
American Indian		%
Asian	727	66.94%
Black/African American	38	3.50%
Hispanic	42	3.87%
Pacific Islander		%
Two or More	36	3.31%
White	237	21.82%
Total		100.00%

Offered Admissions for SY1920

AET Program-9th Grade		
American Indian	0	0.00%
Asian	232	72.05%
Black/African American		%
Hispanic		%
Pacific Islander	0	0.00%
Two or More		%
White	74	22.98%
Total		100.00%

AOS Program-9th Grade		
American Indian	0	0.00%
Asian	192	83.12%
Black/African American		%
Hispanic		%
Pacific Islander	0	0.00%
Two or More		%
White	27	11.69%
Total		100.00%

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**The Academies of Loudoun Admissions
Fall 2018 Applications for SY1920**

AET Program-9th Grade		
Female	453	42.70%
Male	608	57.30%
Total	1061	100.00%

AOS Program-9th Grade		
Female	537	49.45%
Male	549	50.55%
Total	1086	100.00%

Offered Admissions for SY1920

AET Program-9th Grade		
Female	141	43.79%
Male	181	56.21%
Total	322	100.00%

AOS Program-9th Grade		
Female	103	44.59%
Male	128	55.41%
Total	231	100.00%