



IRVINGTON PUBLIC SCHOOLS
Rita L. Owens STEAM Academy

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Irvington, NJ 07111
Phone (973) 399-6409

Admission Procedures

Applicants to Rita L. Owens STEAM Academy must be Irvington, NJ residents and currently enrolled in 8th grade.

1. Complete the Application

Download the application and complete all fields. Students must complete an Applicant Essay, choosing one of the topics listed on the application. Applications must be submitted to the Rita L. Owens Admission Office by December 15, 2023.

2. Submit Academic Records

After completing the application, applicants must download a Student Records Release Form and deliver to an official at their current school. The school will then submit records to the Rita L. Owens Admissions Office. These records must include the following:

- 7th grade final transcript
- 8th grade first marking period grades
- NJSLA ELA 7 AND Math 7 score reports
- Discipline Records
- Attendance Records

It is the applicant's responsibility to provide their school with the Student Records Release Form. The Rita L. Owens Admissions Office must receive the records release form and supporting documentation by December 15, 2023 or the applicant may be ineligible. Applicants may call 973-399-6409 ext. 3004 to check the status of the delivery of documents.

3. Take the Admission Exams on January 13, 2024 or January 20, 2024

Testing information and reporting instructions will be mailed in early January 2024.

4. If accepted to Rita L. Owens STEAM Academy, scholars must attend 2 week Academic Boot Camp in August 2024.

Application Deadline: December 15, 2023
LATE APPLICATIONS WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED.

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Applicant Information

To be completed by Applicant and Parent/Guardian

APPLICATION FOR: RITA L. OWENS STEAM ACADEMY ENTERING GRADE: _____

Applicant's Last Name	First Name	M.I	Date of Birth
Address	Apt. #	City	Zip Code
School Presently Attending	School Address		
Student NJ State (SMART) ID #:		Parent's Email Address	

(These questions are optional and are used for State reporting) Please check all that apply:
 Male Female Caucasian African American Hispanic Asian/Pacific Islander
 American Indian other _____
 What language is most spoken at home? _____

PARENT/GUARDIAN INFORMATION

Father/Guardian Last Name	First Name
Home Phone	Cell Number
Place of Employment/Dept.	Address City
Mother/Guardian Last Name	First Name
Home Phone if Different from Father	Cell Number
Place of Employment/Dept.	Address
City Emergency Contact Name: _____ Relationship _____ Tel. Number _____	

Parent/Guardian Signature

I hereby authorize and request that my child's school release all appropriate school records (transcripts and/or progress reports; attendance records, standardized test scores, discipline records, etc.) to the Rita L. Owens STEAM Academy

Please check here if you wish to voluntarily provide EL, Health Records, DEP status or Child Study Team reports with your initial application.

Please check if in agreement: Student interviews, photographs and video clips may be included in district publications, the district website and released for publicity purposes.

Parent/Guardian Signature	Date	Parent/Guardian Email Address:
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Applicant Essay

To be completed by Applicant

Name _____ Current School _____
Please Print

Choose one from the following topics to write a 2 page, double spaced essay.

1. How do you and your friends communicate with each other?
2. What period of school (elementary school, middle school, high school, or college) do you feel is most important? Why?
3. Do you feel like you and your classmates are honest with each other? Why or why not?
4. What issue truly motivates you—and why?
5. What inspires you – and why?
6. What kind of person do you want to be—and what kind of person are you now?
7. How has the place where you’ve grown up impacted who you are?
8. Write about the first time you felt different or alone.
9. What is the best decision you ever made?
10. What is something you could change about yourself that would make a major difference in your life?
11. What kind of impact does peer pressure have on your life?
12. Are you adventurous? Compare and contrast a time when you took a risk and a time when you played it safe.
13. Write about a time when someone told you something about yourself that changed your perspective.

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STUDENT RECORDS RELEASE FORM

Student's Name: _____

Grade: _____ Date of Birth: _____

I, parent/guardian, _____, give permission to

Name of Middle School: _____

Address of Middle School: _____

Phone Number: _____

To release the following documentation regarding my child to Rita L. Owens STEAM Academy:

- 7th grade transcripts
- 8th grade transcripts (marking period 1)
- NJSLA Grade 7 ELA score report
- NJSLA Grade 7 Math score report
- Discipline Records
- Attendance Records

Parent/Guardian Name

Parent/Guardian Signature

Date

Phone Number

Please forward all student records to: **Rita L. Owens STEAM Academy**
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