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Dear Parent/Guardian of 8th Grade Students,

Is your 8th grader interested in the arts, sciences and engineering? Consider SOTA, SAMi or iDEA for high school.

Tacoma Public Schools is proud to offer many innovative educational opportunities to our high school students, including full high school programs at Tacoma School of the Arts (SOTA), the Science and Math Institute (SAMI) and the School of Industrial Design Engineering and Art (iDEA). This year, your student is eligible to apply to SOTA, SAMi, or iDEA for entrance in Fall 2019 as a member of the Class of 2023. If your student has an interest in music, theatre, dance, the sciences, engineering, industrial design, mathematics, natural sciences, outdoor education or visual arts then SOTA, SAMi and iDEA are opportunities to consider. SOTA, SAMi and iDEA are currently seeking 8th grade applicants who are motivated, independent thinkers interested in exploring new ways of learning.

Located throughout Tacoma, SOTA, SAMi and iDEA provide hands-on project-based learning that emphasizes community partnerships with many business and cultural organizations. Students have access to resources, faculty, events, and lectures at the University of Washington Tacoma, Tacoma Community College, Metro Parks, the Tacoma Art Museum, the Washington State History Museum, the Museum of Glass, the Point Defiance Zoo and Aquarium, Fort Nisqually, the Metro Parks Marina, and the Broadway Center for the Performing Arts. Partner organizations provide internships, gallery space, mentoring, student projects, community involvement, and performance spaces for SOTA, SAMi and iDEA students. These unique environments encourage students to take ownership of their education and become an integral part of the community.

Tacoma Public Schools values the relevant rigorous, arts, science and engineering education provided to the students of SOTA, SAMi and iDEA. The application process begins in October with Information Nights that provide students and parents a chance to learn more, ask questions and receive information regarding the schools.

Information Nights, 6:00pm to 7:00pm, at the following locations:

Thursday, October, 11	Mason Middle School 3901 North 28th St. 98407	Tuesday, November, 6	Gray Middle School 6229 South Tyler St. 98409
Friday, October, 12	First Creek Middle School 1801 East 56th St. 98404	Thursday, November, 8	Meeker Middle School 4402 Nassau Ave Northeast, 98422
Tuesday, October, 16	Stewart Middle School 5010 Pacific Ave. 98408	Tuesday, November, 13	Giaudrone Middle School 4902 South Alaska St. 98408
Thursday, October, 25	Truman Middle School 5801 North 35th St. 98407	Thursday, November, 15	IDEA 6701 South Park Ave. 98408
Monday, October, 29	SOTA Theater 1118 Commerce, 98402	Friday, November, 16	Wainwright Intermediate School 130 Alameda Ave. 98466
Tuesday, October, 30	SAMi ELC ELC 6707 Animal Road, 984073	Monday, November, 19	SOTA Theater 1118 Commerce, 98402
Friday, November, 2	Jason Lee / Bryant MS 602 North Sprague Ave. 98403	Tuesday, November, 20	SAMi ELC ELC 6707 Animal Road, 984073

Application Support Workshops, 3:00pm to 4:00pm, at the following locations:

Friday, November, 9	Jason Lee Middle School 602 North Sprague Ave. 98403	Thursday, November, 15	Baker Middle School 8001 South J. St. 98408
Tuesday, November, 13	Stewart Middle School 5010 Pacific Ave. 98408	Friday, November, 16	Giaudrone Middle School 4902 South Alaska St. 98408
Wednesday, November, 14	First Creek Middle School 1801 East 56th St. 98404	Thursday, November, 16	Gray Middle School 6229 South Tyler St. 98409

Sincerely,

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If you have questions, please call the information line at (253) 571-7911 or email [Jamelia Boney jboney@tacoma.k12.wa.us](mailto:Jamelia.Boney@tacoma.k12.wa.us)
 You can also visit SOTA, SAMi or iDEA's websites at www.tsota.org • www.tsami.org • www.tacomaidea.org