



Science Olympiad Team

2018-2019 Team Information and Commitments

What is Science Olympiad? Science Olympiad is a national non-profit organization that is dedicated to improving science education, increasing interest in science, and providing recognition for outstanding academic achievement. It is also designed to encourage and support new and creative ways for classroom teachers to explore science curriculum. Science Olympiad is a fun, hands-on way to make science exciting and foster a passion for the subject, while promoting teamwork, cooperation, and problem-solving skills. This is our fifth year that RiTechA will have a team represented in the SJCOE Competition. Practices will be held on Wednesdays and Fridays from 3:00 – 4:00. Applications are due on Friday, September 1st. NO LATE applications will be accepted. For more information about Science Olympiad, please visit the SJCOE website at <http://www.sjcoe.org/scienceolympiad>

Who Can Compete? Students in third through eighth grades are eligible to apply for the Science Olympiad team.

What Are the Team Commitments? Team members MUST commit to meeting every **Wednesday** and **Friday** after school starting on Wednesday, September 19, 2018. Teams will meet from 3:00 – 4:00 in room 19. Team members will also need to commit to be present at all practice meets and regional tournaments. (see dates below) Please note that practice meets & tournaments are ALL DAY events on a Saturday. An adult must accompany their child to the tournament. Transportation to and from the event is the responsibility of the member's parent/guardian. **IF YOU CANNOT COMMIT TO THE SCHEDULE AND TOURNAMENT DATE, PLEASE DO NOT APPLY.**

A Team (3rd-6th) – Saturday, March 9th – McNair High School

B Team (6th-8th) - Saturday, March 2nd – McNair High School

How Can I Apply? All interested students must complete the attached application and have it turned into Mrs. Crippen no later than **Friday, August 31, 2018**. No late applications will be accepted.

Can Parents Volunteer? Absolutely! Please contact Mrs. Crippen if you are interested in volunteering.

Questions? Please email Mrs. Crippen at mcrippen@riverislandsacademy.net



RiTechA 2018-19 Science Olympiad Application

Name: _____

Today's Date: _____

Birthday: _____ Grade: _____

Homeroom Teacher: _____

Home Phone #: _____

Alternate Phone #: _____

Parent/Guardian Email: _____

(to be shared with SO coach for team notifications and announcements)

(I have read through the team commitments and I approve my child's participation should he/she be selected for the Science Olympiad Team.)

Guardian's Name (Printed): _____ Guardian's Signature: _____

Students - Please attach **TWO PARAGRAPHS** responding to the following questions:

1 – Why are you interested in joining the Science Olympiad Team? What would make you a good member of the team?

2 – What kind of science experience do you have?

Check all that apply:

I have a strong interest in science, and love to learn about the world around me.

** I am interested in Life Science Physical Science Earth Science Engineering

I am quick thinker and a problem solver.

I love to think outside of the box!

I am creative and resourceful with materials, and enjoy building things.

I work hard to make good grades in all my classes at school.

I am reliable – I turn in homework/projects on time.

I participate appropriately in class discussions.

I work well with others in a group or team setting.

Please Initial Each Commitment:

_____ I will attend Wednesday and Friday practices from September – March.

_____ I will attend the competition date for my team.

_____ I will complete homework related to my Science Olympiad topic.

_____ I will work cooperatively with my partner/team.

Student Signature _____

Teacher Evaluation Sheet



Students: Please write your name on the line below and give this form to your homeroom teacher to complete. **Teachers will return this form to Mrs. Crippen.**

TEACHERS: Student Name _____

Please take a few moments to let me know about your student's science abilities, work ethic, and ability to work cooperatively.

Please rate the students on the following items, with 1 being "Poor" and 4 being "Excellent."

The student is proficient in science.	1	2	3	4
The student has an interest in science.	1	2	3	4
The student works hard on assignments.	1	2	3	4
The student participates in classroom discussions.	1	2	3	4
The student works well with others in a group.	1	2	3	4
The student stays on task and is responsible.	1	2	3	4
The student shows problem solving skills.	1	2	3	4
The student is creative and resourceful.	1	2	3	4
The student is respectful and follows directions appropriately.	1	2	3	4

Additional comments or concerns:

Your name: _____ Signature: _____