

# Southfield Public Schools



## University Middle School Academy

In Partnership with - *The University of Michigan Dearborn*

### Application Packet

*All applications MUST be returned to the*

*Division of Instruction*

*24815 Lahser Road*

*Southfield, MI 48033*

*248-746-4326 (phone)*

*248-746-4325 (fax)*

**Application Dates: November 22, 2016 – March 16, 2017**

#### **SELECTION NOTIFICATION**

All new students selected for the 2017-2018 school year will be notified after May 12, 2017

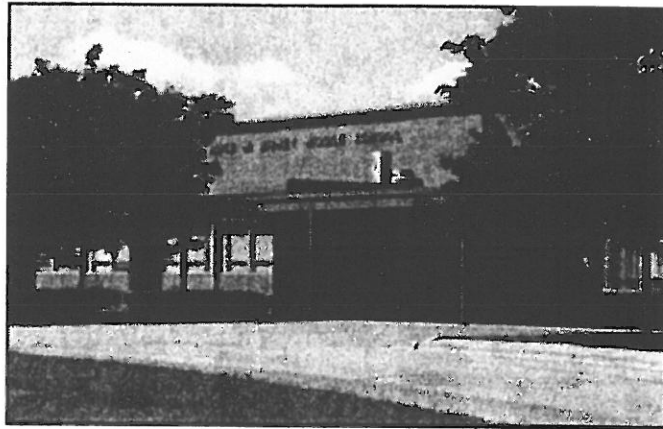
**Lynda Wood, Ed.D. Superintendent**

**Derrick Lopez Associate Superintendent for Instruction**

#### **SOUTHFIELD PUBLIC SCHOOLS STATEMENT OF NON DISCRIMINATION**

It is the policy of the Southfield Board of Education and the Southfield Public Schools that no person on the basis of race, color, religion, national origin or ancestry, age, gender, marital status or handicap shall be discriminated against, excluded from participation in, denied the benefits of, or otherwise be subjected to, discrimination in any program or activity for which it is responsible or for which it receives financial assistance from the US Department of Education or any other Federal or State department or agency.

# Birney's University Middle School Academy



**The University Middle School Academy features the following:**

- *Accelerated Middle School Coursework*  
*\*See next page for examples*
- *French & Spanish*
- *University partnership and visits*
- *Partnership with University High School Academy*
- *A school within a school environment*
- *A pipeline for University High School Academy*

***If Birney/UMSA is not your students' neighborhood school, in addition to the Birney/UMSA application, please complete a School of Choice application located at the end of this application. The School of Choice Application must be returned to the Southfield Education Center on 16299 Mt. Vernon, Southfield, MI by Friday, December 18, 2015.***

# Accelerated Middle School Coursework

**In addition to accelerated coursework, students also experience the following:**

## English

1. Formal Essay Writing  
\*Literary, \*Definitive, \*Comparative, \*Analytical
2. Extensive and in-depth reading of shared novels with accompanying comprehension tests, vocabulary activities, final projects representing themes of novels
3. Holocaust study and annual visit of Holocaust Museum
4. Grammar units
5. Poetry Units

## Math

All students in math will work one grade level above the standard Southfield Public Schools' math curriculum and will leave the UMSA program with the opportunity to take Algebra 2 as a freshman in high school.

1. Sixth Graders take Pre-Algebra
2. Seventh Graders take Algebra 1
3. Eighth Graders take Geometry

## Science

1. Compete in Science and Engineering Fair
2. Annual Trip to Toledo Zoo with a purpose
3. Geologic timeline with models of the earth and it's layers
4. Power Points on Motion and Forces
5. 3D models of atoms
6. Responsible for planning and creating a tranquility garden using recycled materials and green products

## Social Studies

1. Declaration of Independence project
2. Persuasive essay –Taking a Loyalist stand and persuading King of discontent
3. Debate on Boston Tea Party – An act of patriotism or terrorism
4. Create a Children's Bill of Rights
5. Attend Civil War Re-enactments
6. Geography Research projects

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## Application and Registration Process

**Applications Available:** Tuesday, November 22, 2016

**\*Application Deadline:** Thursday, March 16, 2017

*\*Applications may be postmarked by being faxed or delivered*

**Step 1:** Parents/Guardians must complete application packet for each child applying for admission to the University Middle School Academy. Applications are available at:

- *The Southfield Education Center, Pupil Registration Office, 16299 Mt. Vernon, Southfield, MI*
- *The Division of Instruction 24815 Lahser Road, Southfield, MI*
- *The John W. English Administrative Center, 24661 Lahser Rd, Southfield, MI*
- *Birney Middle School*
- *Birney Middle School web site*
  - *Download the application at:*

*<http://www.southfield.k12.mi.us>*

**Step 2:** Students **must** take a **placement test**. Students will receive a detailed letter confirming the date, time, location and what to bring

### 2017-2018 Test Date

**Saturday, March 18, 2017 – 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. in the Birney Media Center. Please arrive by 8:30 for check-in.**

**Step 3:** Acceptance notifications will be mailed to parents by **Friday, May 19, 2017**

**Step 4:** Upon acceptance the Intent to Enroll form (to be distributed upon acceptance) must be mailed or faxed (248-746-4325) to the Division of Instruction by **Thursday, May 25, 2017.**

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## Application Checklist

Make sure the following requirements are met:

- ✓ Complete One-Page Application
- ✓ Submit Signed Parent/School Commitment Form
- ✓ Complete typed parent statement
- ✓ Complete typed student statement
- ✓ A copy of the most recent report card
- ✓ Attend MANDATORY Testing\*

### 2017-2018 Test date

Saturday, March 18, 2017 - 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the Birney Media Center.  
Please arrive by 8:30 for check-in.

**\*Once the completed application has been received, a confirmation letter with details about the examination will be mailed to the parent.**

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## STUDENT APPLICATION 2017 - 2018

(Please Print)

Student's Last Name \_\_\_\_\_ First Name \_\_\_\_\_ Middle Initial \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone Number: (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Birth: \_\_\_/\_\_\_/\_\_\_ Present Grade : \_\_\_\_\_ Circle: Male or Female

Present School Name: \_\_\_\_\_

School Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Mother's/Guardian Work: \_\_\_\_\_ Cell: \_\_\_\_\_

Father's/Guardian Work: \_\_\_\_\_ Cell: \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

### \*Parent Statement:

**On a separate sheet of paper, explain why you would like your child to attend the University Middle School Academy at Birney Middle School.**

### \*Student statement:

**On a separate sheet of paper, explain why you would like to attend the University Middle School Academy.**

*All students who are not currently enrolled in Southfield Public Schools must register at the Pupil Registration Office located at 16299 Mt. Vernon.*

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## Parent/Student - School Commitment

*I understand and agree to the following:*

- Students must take a middle school placement examination.
- Completing the application does not guarantee acceptance. Students will be accepted based on their performance on the middle school assessment.
- **Once accepted students must maintain a minimum 2.75 Grade Point Average (GPA) for grade 6<sup>th</sup>, 3.0 for grades 7/8<sup>th</sup> and maintain a C or better in the core academic classes.**
- **Students must adhere to the Southfield Public Schools' Student Code of Conduct. Student's inability to adhere to the SPS Student Code of Conduct and/or maintain a minimum 2.75 Grade Point Average (GPA) for grade 6<sup>th</sup> and 3.0 grades 7/8<sup>th</sup> will result in permanent dismissal from UMSA.**
- Students must adhere to the dress code policy.
- Education is a shared responsibility of the student, school, and parents. I understand and agree that if my child is accepted into University Middle School Academy, cooperation on my part is vital. I will assist my child by encouraging them to work to the best of their ability, complete all work on time, and maintain good attendance and citizenship.
- Education is a shared responsibility; therefore, I will volunteer for school events and attend at least four PTA meetings.
- The University Middle School Academy does not have a sibling policy. Enrollment at the University Middle School Academy does not guarantee sibling enrollment.
- Enrollment in the UMSA does not guarantee automatic acceptance into the University High School Academy upon entering 9<sup>th</sup> grade. Students **MUST** apply to the UHSA and complete the mandatory Closed High School Placement Test for consideration. Preference, however, will be given to students who have attended the UMSA and maintained the required GPA and adhered to the district Code of Conduct.
- **Bus Transportation** is not provided for students who live outside of Birney Middle School bus transportation area.
- If your student is invited to attend the UMSA and you decline the invitation or fail to return your Intent to Enroll by the specified date, your student's invitation will not be honored after **May 25, 2017**.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Student Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

\_\_\_\_\_  
Parent/Guardian Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date



**Southfield Public Schools**  
**APPLICATION FOR SCHOOL OF CHOICE 2017-2018**  
**FOR STUDENTS CURRENTLY ATTENDING SOUTHFIELD PUBLIC SCHOOLS ONLY**

Southfield Education Center  
16299 Mt Vernon: Southfield, MI 48075: (248) 746-7601 Fax (248) 746-7618

(Applications must be completed)

Student: \_\_\_\_\_ Gender: M \_\_\_\_\_ F \_\_\_\_\_  
(Last Name) (First Name) Birth Date \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/ Guardian: \_\_\_\_\_ Home: ( ) \_\_\_\_\_  
Work ( ) \_\_\_\_\_  
(Telephone)

Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
(Street Number & Name) (Apt #) (City) (Zip Code)

School Currently Attending: \_\_\_\_\_ Current Grade \_\_\_\_\_ Grade for the fall of 2013-2014 \_\_\_\_\_

Does your child currently receive Special Education Services? Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_

Does your child have an active IEP? (Special Education Only) Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_

Is there a sibling currently attending the above school selected for School of Choice? Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_

If Yes, \_\_\_\_\_  
(Student's Name) (School) (Grade)

**Please check and sign**

- I am responsible for transporting my child to his/her new school location if my school of choice request is granted. **Transportation Is Not Provided.**
- The acceptance of school of choice requires a minimum commitment of one (1) school year at the choice school.

**Select School of Choice: (one choice only)**

**Middle School (6-8)**

- Levey
- \*  Levey STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering & Math)

**High School (9-12)**

- \* University HS Academy

**Elementary (K-5)**

- Adler
- McIntyre
- Stevenson
- Vandenberg World Cultural Academy

**K-8 School**

- Birney
- \*  Birney University Middle School
- \*  MacArthur University Academy
- Thompson International Academy

\*Note: Birney University Middle School & UHSA Exam Programs, MacArthur & Levey STEM  
REQUIRES A School of Choice Application and Academic Program/School Application

Parent/Guardian Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_

**Return this form to:**  
Ollie Colvard, Manager—Child Accounting  
Southfield Education Center  
16299 Mount Vernon  
Southfield, MI 48075

**DEADLINE: THURSDAY, MARCH 16, 2017 4:00 P.M.**