

**2016-17 Akron Public Schools Application for
National Inventors Hall of Fame® School
Center for Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics Learning
Current 4th graders only for 2015-16 who will enter 5th grade for 2016-17**

All information on this form must be filled out or it will not be processed. A separate application must be completed for each student.

**The open enrollment period is from November 2, 2015 – December 4, 2015
Applications must be received by 4:30 p.m. on Friday, December 4, 2015**

All applicants will be notified in writing of their 1st choice during the month of February

- CHECK THIS BOX IF STUDENT HAD AN EXPULSION OR DISCIPLINARY TRANSFER DURING THE CURRENT OR PRIOR SCHOOL YEAR.
* A student of this nature may not be approved on this application.

Before filling out this form, read the Open Enrollment Guidelines on the other side of this page.

A. STUDENT INFORMATION

PRINT: Student Name _____ **SEX: M F**
(as on birth certificate) LAST FIRST FULL MIDDLE NAME CIRCLE ONE
_____, OH _____
CURRENT ADDRESS _____ CITY _____ ZIP _____
Student Date of Birth ____/____/____ Student Birthplace City _____ State _____
MONTH DAY YEAR STUDENT'S NATIVE LANGUAGE _____
Parent/Legal Guardian _____ & _____
LAST FIRST LAST FIRST RELATIONSHIP TO STUDENT
Parent/Guardian telephone number Home (____) _____ Work (____) _____ Cell (____) _____
Parent/Guardian e-mail address _____
Race (Check all that apply): ___ White/Caucasian ___ African American ___ Hispanic ___ Asian ___ Am. Indian/Alaskan Native
 YES, my child is of Hispanic/Latino ethnicity. NO, my child is NOT of Hispanic/Latino ethnicity.

B. SCHOOL INFORMATION

Student is currently attending _____ School. Grade student will be in for 2016-17 _____
Name of school district _____ City _____
Name of school student should attend for the 2016-17 school year based on home address _____

C. OPEN ENROLLMENT 2ND CHOICE REQUEST

Should your child **NOT** be accepted to NIHF/STEM School, please enter a 2nd choice school (or NA for not applicable), if you prefer your child to attend another school other than your home/current school. **Students selecting Miller South for their 2nd choice, will need to complete a separate Miller South application.** Notification of 2nd choice approval will be by April 1, 2016.

2nd Choice _____

- Check here if the student has an I.E.P. (Individualized Education Plan) or is enrolled in a special education class.

In the event my child is accepted, I hereby grant permission for school/education records to be transferred to NIHF/STEM. **My signature further indicates I have read the Open Enrollment Regulations and Guidelines on the back of this form.**

Signature of Parent or Guardian _____ Date _____

APPLICATIONS MUST BE RETURNED TO (With all required documents - see below):

Akron Public Schools
Open Enrollment Office, Rm 101
70 N. Broadway
Akron, OH 44308-1999

(NIHF School Center for STEM
Learning can **NOT** accept applications)

If your child does not attend an Akron Public School, attach a copy of the birth Certificate, a copy of the guardians picture ID, 2 proof of residency in the guardian's name (currently dated), a copy of the IEP & MFE or ETR if applicable, and custody papers if applicable.

Applications for students attending an APS school will need to include a copy of the guardian's ID and proof of residency, if recently moved.

For questions please contact Amanda Morgan, Instructional Leader, National Inventors Hall of Fame® School...
Center for Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics Learning (330) 761-3195

<http://www.akronschools.com/scienceschool/>

OPEN ENROLLMENT GUIDELINES

November 2, 2015 to December 4, 2015

Please read this information before filling out your open enrollment transfer request.

Please be sure you have followed ALL the directions. It is imperative that you correctly provide all the information requested on the application form; otherwise, your application will be rejected.

GENERAL GUIDELINES

This form is an application for an open enrollment request. Not every student who applies to change schools will receive an open enrollment transfer.

Students applying to NIHF/STEM School must complete the application process for final placement. If there are more qualified students than openings, entrance will be granted through a lottery. The lottery selection will include students from each cluster based on the home address as well as students from school districts other than Akron Public Schools. Once admitted, a student must remain at the school for the entire school year.

During the month of February, applicants will be notified in writing whether or not their name has been selected from the lottery. The complete application process as listed below must be followed. No information will be provided over the telephone, **please wait for the written notification.**

WHAT ABOUT TRANSPORTATION?

NIHF/STEM students will be eligible for transportation if: their open enrollment application to attend the NIHF/STEM school is approved, their home address is within the Akron City School District, and that residence is two miles or further from the school. Transportation for STEM students, per ORC 3327.01, will be provided to and from an identified bus stop every school day. Students not selected for NIHF/STEM and who open enroll to any other school must be transported to that school by their parents or guardians.

HOW ARE APPLICATIONS APPROVED?

Please note that open enrollment approvals to the STEM school ARE NOT based on a “first-come, first-served” basis. Applications for transfer to NIHF/STEM will be approved or denied on as follows:

- **Application Process (ALL of the following four steps are required):**

- Completed NIHF/STEM School Open Enrollment application (Incomplete applications will be disqualified).
- Lottery-selected students and at least one parent/guardian **must** attend a required meeting to remain eligible.
- After attending the required meeting, one written response (form provided by school) accepting or declining the transfer is required. **No response will be considered a declination of the offer.** Letter should be mailed to:

Amanda Morgan
Instructional Leader NIHF/STEM
199 South Broadway
Akron, Ohio 44308

- Student and at least one parent/guardian must attend an orientation session and are required to sign all necessary agreements and forms.

*****Failure to complete all application requirements may result in removal of student from the enrollment roster*****

- Students who are NOT accepted to the NIHF/STEM School may choose a second (2nd) open enrollment school. You will be notified of your acceptance or denial into that school by April 1, 2016.
- **Behavior:** Students who have been expelled during this school year may not be allowed an open enrollment transfer. Students who have frequently been suspended during the current school year, have excessive absences and tardies, or have been transferred by Student Services on special permits for disciplinary reasons or pupil adjustment will be reviewed by a Student Services Coordinator prior to a decision of eligibility for open enrollment.

OTHER

Additional application requirements, which include the dates and times for mandatory parent/guardian and student meetings, will be mailed to you by the NIHF/STEM School once your open enrollment form has been processed.

PRINT: Student Name _____ **Office Use: Student ID** _____
(as on birth certificate) LAST FIRST FULL MIDDLE NAME
_____, OH _____ Date of Birth _____ / _____ / _____
CURRENT ADDRESS CITY ZIP MONTH DAY YEAR

1. Short Answer Question - PARENT OR GUARDIAN

Responses to be completed by **Parent or Guardian** in the space below:

Please give us three ways your child will benefit from attending this school.

1)

2)

3)

2. Short Answer Question - PARENT OR GUARDIAN

Responses to be completed by **Parent or Guardian** in the space below:

What do you see as the parent's or guardian's role in a child's education?

3. Short Answer Question - STUDENT

Response to be completed in the space provided below by the **Student**, in the **Student's** own handwriting.

Three reasons why I want to attend this school...

1)

2)

3)