**Deadlines Set for Magnet and Charter School Applications**

*Magnet Applications due March 20; Attendance Area Change Requests due March 1*

Deadlines are approaching for families interested in applying for Attendance Area Change Requests and magnet and charter schools at Bend-La Pine Schools. Parents interested in these magnet and charter school options should consider attending upcoming parent information sessions and tours of local schools. The deadline to apply for a magnet or charter school is **4 p.m. March 20**; applications are available at the school sites. Students are admitted through a lottery system.

Parents wishing to send their children to a non-magnet or charter school outside of their current attendance area must fill out an Attendance Area Change Request form by **4 p.m. March 1**. Forms are available at local schools and at [www.bend.k12.or.us](http://www.bend.k12.or.us). Please note the deadline is earlier than it has been in previous years.

Tours and information sessions are set for the following schools:

 **Amity Creek Magnet School at Thompson**

[www.bend.k12.or.us/amity](http://www.bend.k12.or.us/amity)

541-355-2800; 437 NW Wall St., Bend

Principal Carol Hammett; Enrollment: 175 students

Parent Information Sessions — March 4 at 2:30 p.m. and 5:30 p.m.

Parent Tours — Upon Request

 **Bear Creek Elementary School Dual Immersion Program**

[www.bend.k12.or.us/bearcreek](http://www.bend.k12.or.us/bearcreek)

541-355-1400; 51 SE 13th St., Bend

Principal Annisa Wiseman; Enrollment: 709 students

Parent Information Sessions — Feb. 23, 6 p.m. at Bear Creek; March 16, 6 p.m. at Bear Creek; March 11, 6 p.m. at Juniper Elementary School

Parent Tours — Feb. 24, March 10 and March 17 at 9 a.m.

Note: Families can apply to Bear Creek and a magnet school.

**Highland Magnet School at Kenwood**

[www.bend.k12.or.us/highland](http://www.bend.k12.or.us/highland)

541-355-1900; 701 NW Newport Ave., Bend

Principal Paul Dean; Enrollment: 389 students

Parent Information Sessions — Feb. 10, 6 p.m. and Feb. 25, 3 p.m.

Parent Tours — Feb. 13, 1 p.m. and Feb. 27, 1 p.m.

 **REALMS Charter School**

Rimrock Expeditionary Alternative Learning Middle School

[www.realmschool.org](http://www.realmschool.org)

541-322-5323; 63175 OB Riley Road, Bend

Contact the school for tour details.

 **Westside Village Magnet School at Kingston**

[www.bend.k12.or.us/westside](http://www.bend.k12.or.us/westside)

541-355-200; 1101 NW 12th St., Bend

Principal Wendy Winchel; Enrollment: 279 students (196 in grades K-5; 83 in grades 6-8)

Parent Information Sessions: March 3, 6 p.m. and March 11, noon

Parent Tours — Upon Request

**Magnet and Charter Application Process and Guidelines**:

• Interested parents should attend parent information meetings and tours for the schools in which they are interested.

• Applications are available at each school.

• Students may only apply to ONE magnet school. If multiple applications are filed, all applications will be eliminated from the lottery. (Students may apply to a magnet school and to Bear Creek’s Dual Immersion Program.)

**Important dates:**

Applications are due **March 20 at 4 p.m.**

March 31 — Lottery is held, 8 a.m.

April 3 — Letters are mailed to families regarding magnet school status.

April 17 — Confirmation letters must be returned to schools.

April 22 — Kindergarten Round-Ups held throughout district.

**- Other Special Elementary and Middle School Programs in Bend-La Pine Schools ­–**

Bend-La Pine Schools offers students the chance to attend schools outside of their neighborhood. Students who submit an Attendance Area Change Request Form are admitted on a space available basis. The deadline to apply is March 1 for all grade levels. Additionally, the following elementary and middle schools offer school-wide special programs:

 **Buckingham Elementary School**

Science, Technology, Engineering and Math (STEM) Focus School

[www.bend.k12.or.us/buckingham](http://www.bend.k12.or.us/buckingham)

541-355-2600; 62569 Hamby Road, Bend

**Elk Meadow Elementary School**

Integrated Arts Focus School

[www.bend.k12.or.us/elkmeadow](http://www.bend.k12.or.us/elkmeadow)

541-355-1500; 60880 Brookswood Blvd, Bend

**Juniper Elementary School — Technology Focus**

[www.bend.k12.or.us/juniper](http://www.bend.k12.or.us/juniper)

541-355-1800; 1300 NE Norton Ave., Bend

Due to enrollment issues, Juniper is not accepting magnet applications for the 2015-16 school year.

**Pilot Butte Middle School**

International Baccalaureate (IB) World School

[www.bend.k12.or.us/pilotbutte](http://www.bend.k12.or.us/pilotbutte)

541-355-7400; 1501 NE Neff Road, Bend