



Dear Prospective Student and Parent,

Thank you for your interest in Rimrock Expeditionary Alternative Learning Middle School (REALMS). REALMS is a *public charter school* for 6th, 7th and 8th grade students who are seeking a small, active, and challenging educational alternative. At REALMS, we actively challenge our students to investigate, understand, and become stewards of the natural world and human community around us.

REALMS Students:

- **Investigate compelling topics and issues** that have real world significance
- **Create high quality work** through perseverance, rigor, and revision
- Enjoy learning in the **classroom and outdoors**
- Are constantly included as **active participants in the learning process**
- Frequently participate in **fieldwork, service learning, and adventure**

Students have described some of the characteristics that make REALMS different from previous schools they have attended. These include the personalized attention they get from teachers in smaller classes, a hands-on approach to learning, and the frequent fieldwork opportunities offered at REALMS. Many students at REALMS feel more challenged, more successful, and more enthusiastic than they did in a traditional school.

**WE STRONGLY ENCOURAGE PARENTS TO ATTEND
A PARENT INFORMATION NIGHT PRIOR TO APPLYING.**

Thursday February 18, 2010 @ 6:30pm

Monday February 22nd, 2010 @ 6:30pm

The REALMS Campus is on the PBMS campus. Turn right just before entering the PBMS main doors and follow the sidewalk (and signs) to D-Hall!

Applications are due at REALMS by March 19, 2010 at 3:30pm.
Admission is determined by lottery.

For more information, visit www.realmschool.org



REALMS Application 2010-2011 School Year

Enrollment is by lottery.

Applications are due in the REALMS office by 3:30pm on Friday, March 19th, 2010

Student Name: _____

Current Grade (2009-10): _____ Current School: _____

Age: _____ Birthdate: _____ Ethnicity: _____ Gender: _____

Parent Information – Please complete the following as neatly as possible.

_____	_____	_____	_____
Last Name	First Name	Relationship to Student	
_____	_____	_____	_____
Street Address	Apt. #	City/State	Zip

Mailing Address, if different			

_____		_____	
Home Phone		Cell Phone	

_____		_____	
Work Phone		Place of Employment	

e-mail address			

_____	_____	_____	_____
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e-mail address			

Who does the student live with:

- Both parents
- Mother and _____
- Grandparent
- Other _____
- Part-time w/ mother; part-time w/ father
- Father and _____
- Guardian: _____

Is there important custody information that we should know? ___ yes ___ no

Emergency Contact Info (please list in order to be called):

1) Name _____	2) Name _____
Relationship _____	Relationship _____
Phone _____	Phone _____
Alt. Phone _____	Alt. Phone _____

Languages spoken at home:

- | | |
|----------------------------------|--------------------------------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> English | <input type="checkbox"/> French |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Spanish | <input type="checkbox"/> Japanese |
| <input type="checkbox"/> German | <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____ |

Please have all parties with legal decision making authority sign below:

_____	_____
Name	Relationship
_____	_____
Name	Relationship



Application Form

to be filled out by **STUDENT**

Name: _____ Date: _____

Current School: _____ Current Grade: 5 6 7 8

Please check the appropriate boxes:

	EXCELLENT	FAIR	POOR
How do you feel about school in general?			
How is your attendance at school?			
How is your behavior in school?			

What is your favorite thing about school? Please explain WHY it is your favorite thing.

Why do you want to come to REALMS?

Please write a few sentences below to tell us about you and your interests.

If you are a visual/artistic person, you may ALSO draw a picture on the back that helps us know more about you!



Application Form

to be filled out by **PARENT**

Name of student: _____ Date: _____

Current School: _____ Current Grade: 5 6 7 8

**Please provide us with your impression of the following questions.
It is OK for your answers to differ from those given by your son/daughter.**

	EXCELLENT	FAIR	POOR
How does your son/daughter feel about school in general?			
How is her/his attendance at school?			
How is her/his behavior in school?			

Why do you think that REALMS will be a good learning environment for your son/daughter?

What do you see as your son/daughter's greatest strength?

Does your son/daughter have any special needs that we should be aware of?

What is one area in which you would like to see your son/daughter grow?



Reference Form

Please give this form to the student's most recent teacher(s).

Student Name: _____ M F

Current (or most recent) Grade: _____

Current (or most recent) School: _____

Current (or most recent) Teacher: _____

<input type="checkbox"/> IEP?
<input type="checkbox"/> Positive Leader?
<input type="checkbox"/> Disruptive?
<input type="checkbox"/> Positive Social Skills?
<input type="checkbox"/> TAG?
<input type="checkbox"/> ELL?

Please comment on the most suitable learning environment for this student:

Student should not be placed with: _____

	Year or more below grade level		At grade level		One or more years above grade level		Additional Comment
Writing	1	2	3	4	5		
Reading	1	2	3	4	5		
Math	1	2	3	4	5		
	Does not use time effectively		Average		Uses time very effectively		
Use of Time	1	2	3	4	5		
	Requires very close supervision		Average		Requires very little supervision		
Independence	1	2	3	4	5		
	Difficulty interacting with peers & teachers		Average		Gets along well with peers and teachers		
Social Skills	1	2	3	4	5		

Other Comments

Completing Teacher... Please return via fax, inter-district, or regular mail to: REALMS
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