

Application for Admission
for the 6th Grade



Marist School Campus
3790 Ashford Dunwoody Rd., NE
Atlanta, Georgia 30319

What does a Reach for Excellence family look like?



Reach students...

- have the drive and intellectual curiosity to succeed in the classroom, in the community and in life
- have demonstrated the potential to achieve academically
- are willing to commit three years to rigorous academics and leadership enrichment
- are open to joining a community of learners who support and appreciate one another's differences
- are committed to exploring the various high school options available to them, including magnet, charter, and private schools
- reflect the ethnic, religious and educational diversity of the greater metro Atlanta area

Reach parents and guardians...

- are willing to commit three years to ensuring their child's success in middle school and in high school
- make the program a priority when scheduling extracurricular activities and family events
- do whatever it takes to ensure that their child maintains 90% attendance at Reach Saturday Session classes and Summer Sessions
- have their students maintains A's and B's during Middle school
- collaborate and communicate with the Reach staff to create a network of success for their child
- work with the Reach staff to explore the most challenging high school options for their child, including magnet and private school options
- attend all mandatory workshops for parents
- earn a total yearly income of less than \$80,000

Fifth Grade Student Data



Last name

First name

Middle name

Address

City, State, Zip Code

Best Contact number

Student's place of birth

Date of birth

F M
Gender

Student's citizenship

Please indicate the group with which the student identifies.

- Black/African American
- Asian/Pacific Islander American;
- White/Caucasian/European American
- Bi/Multiracial American
- International Non-US Citizen; _____ (please specify)
- Other _____ (please specify)
- First Nation/Indigenous/Native American
- Middle Eastern American
- Latina/o/Hispanic American

Primary language spoken at home

Other language(s) spoken at home;

Current School

School County

School address

City, State, Zip code

Name of counselor

Name of principal

How did you hear about Reach for Excellence?

Parent/ Primary Guardian Email addresses

Hobbies/Activities*

Describe any activity or hobby the student does in school or outside of school. List them all.

How long have you been doing this? Add number of months/years of experience _____

How many hours/week does the student do this? Add something like 4 hours/week for the fall season

Does the student plan to continue? _____

Awards

Has the student earned any awards, honors or positions at school or in extra-curricular activities?

Family Data



Mother's name (or Primary Guardian's)

Relationship to student

Mother's address (if different than candidate's)

City, State, Zip code

Primary phone number

Alternative phone number

Mother's email address

Occupation

Mother's citizenship

Mother's first language

Mother's highest education level

- Did not graduate high school
- High school graduate
- Two-year degree

- GED
- Some college
- College graduate

Father's (or Primary Guardian's) name

Relationship to student

Father's address (if different than candidate's)

City, State, Zip code

Primary phone number

Alternative phone number

Father's email address

Occupation

Father's citizenship

Father's first language

Father's highest education level

- Did not graduate high school
- High school graduate
- Two-year degree

- GED
- Some college
- College graduate

If parents do not live together, who has legal custody?

If the student does not live with both parents in one household, please describe living arrangements.

Does your student qualify for free or reduced lunch or/and PeachCare card? If so, provide a copy of the card.

Where do you want your child to go to High school?

Are you interested in applying to a private independent school in Atlanta? Reach for Excellence helps with High school applications but does not provide any scholarship or tuition assistance. Reach works with independent schools that provide scholarship based on your family income.

I'm interested in applying in 7th grade: Yes - No * Application for 7th grade is only reserved for top students and is based on nominations made by Reach for Excellence Executive Director.

I'm interested in applying in 9th grade: Yes – No

Name 2 or 3 Independent schools you are interested in applying for your child: _____

Are you interested in learning about boarding schools' options for your child in high school? Yes - No

Do you have a car to transport your child to Reach? Yes - No

Is your child in the Gifted program? Yes - No

Family Commitment Agreement



For parents, guardians, and students:

Commitment is a critical component of the Reach for Excellence program. Please read this agreement carefully. Your signature at the bottom of the page indicates your willingness to accept this commitment agreement. Please understand that students and parents/guardians who are accepted to the program, but who fail to abide by the commitment agreement may be dismissed from the program.

Students who are accepted to the program commit to:

- 1) Attending Reach Saturday classes during their 6th, 7th, and 8th grade academic years. *Saturday classes take place about every other Saturday during the academic year from 9am-12:30pm. A calendar of Saturday Session dates will be provided to Reach families.*
- 2) Attending Reach Summer Sessions after their 6th, 7th, and 8th grade school years. *Summer Sessions run for 6 weeks in June and July and consist of full school days, Monday through Friday 8.30am-2.10pm.*
- 3) Demonstrating exemplary character and academic perseverance at Reach for Excellence, in school and in the community.
- 4) Maintain A's and B's in their current Middle school.

Parents/Guardians of Reach students commit to:

- 1) Working with the Reach staff to arrange transportation during the Summer Session and Saturday classes. *Transportation arrangements may include carpooling or driving your child to a MARTA station or designated Reach bus pick-up location.*
- 2) Communicating with the Reach staff by responding to phone calls and mailings and by keeping in touch with staff regarding student progress and issues that may affect attendance.
- 3) Working with the Reach staff to explore the high school options available to your child.
- 4) Any C's grade earned in Middle school will result in placing your child on Academic probation for a Semester. If your child can't improve his/her grades, he/she will be dismissed from Reach.

Attendance Policy

Participation in Reach for Excellence requires that students and their families commit to **90% attendance** and make Reach for Excellence a top priority. This means that students are not permitted to miss more than 3 program days during the summer program and 2 during the Saturday program.

I have read and understood the Family Commitment Agreement.

Parent/Guardian Signature

Parent/Guardian Signature;

Date

Student Signature

Date

Parent Questionnaire

To the parents or guardians:

Please refer to the “What Does a Reach Family Look Like” page and the “Family Commitment Agreement” before answering the following questions. (Use additional paper if needed.)

Based on what you know about Reach for Excellence, why is the program a good match for your child?

Part of the student selection process includes an assessment of the family’s ability to commit fully to the program. As a parent or guardian, what aspects of this commitment will be the most difficult? How will you handle these difficulties?

Financial Information Form

Since Reach for Excellence is a tuition free program, the focus is on students and families with limited financial resources. Therefore **BOTH parent(s)**, stepparent(s), or guardian(s) **must** provide a copy of the **2023 Federal Income Tax Return (1040) and W2.**

Father's, Stepfather's or Guardian's Financial Information

 Company's name Annual salary

 Company's address Employer's phone number

Mother's, Stepmother's or Guardian's Financial Information

 Company's name Annual salary

 Company's address Employer's phone number

Please list all dependents, including the candidate

NAME	AGE	GRADE	SCHOOL	TUITION PAID

Your signature:

- Certifies that all information presented on this application is complete and factually correct
- Attests to the fact that you wish your child to be considered for participation in the Reach for Excellence program with no guarantee of final acceptance
- Authorizes Reach for Excellence to request a copy of your child's academic report in Middle school and High school
- Does your child qualify for FREE or reduced lunch? Yes - No
- Does your child qualify for PeachCare? Yes – No
 Please provide a copy of free/reduced/SNAP card or PeachCare Card.

 Father/ Stepfather/ Guardian Signature

 Mother/Stepmother/Guardian Signature

 Date

Records Release Statement



To the parent or guardian:

To complete your child's application, it is necessary that we receive a copy of his or her school transcript. Please fill out the information below and bring this form to your child's school.

In accordance with federal and state laws, I authorize, _____ School to release the information indicated

Candidate's name

First name

Middle name

Last name

Parent or guardian's signature

Date

Address

City, State, Zip Code

Home phone number

To the school:

The student listed above has applied for admission to **Reach for Excellence**, a tuition free academic and leadership enrichment program. Please submit complete academic information for this child. If available, these documents should consist of:

- 4th grade report card
- most recent grades for 5th Grade (Semester 2 grades should be submitted before acceptance)
- 4th and 5th Grade standardized achievement and aptitude test scores for **Georgia Milestones or/and MAP scores**
- any teacher comments found in his or her file.

You can email the school records to: lehmill@reachforexcellence.org OR lehmill@marist.com

Thank you for your prompt attention to this request.

Language Arts Teacher Recommendation



To the student applicant:

Write your full name below and give this form to your Language Arts teacher, along with a stamped envelope addressed to *Reach for Excellence*. Your teacher will need to mail this recommendation separately from your application.

To the parent: I hereby authorize my child’s Language Arts teacher to provide the information requested in the recommendation form below and to provide a copy of the completed recommendation form to *Reach for Excellence* to be used in connection with his/her application and/or participation in the *Reach for Excellence* program. I understand that the completed recommendation is confidential and will only be provided to the *Reach for Excellence* program and that I will not have access to the completed form.

PARENT/ GUARDIAN Signature and Date: _____

STUDENT NAME: _____

To the Language Arts teacher:

The student listed above has applied for admission to ***Reach for Excellence (RFE)***. Please take into consideration the following description of our program when evaluating this student’s past and potential performance.

Reach for Excellence is an academic and leadership enrichment program that prepares talented middle school students for college-preparatory programs and high schools. Reach students are determined young people who have demonstrated the potential to achieve academically and who are prepared to serve as leaders in the classroom, in the community and in life. Over the course of three years of Summer Sessions and Saturday classes, RFE students will engage in a rigorous curriculum that is strategically designed to provide students with the academic and social skills they will need to pursue the path to college.

Mail this completed form to *Reach for Excellence* at the address below or complete the form online at <https://reachforexcellence.org/teacher-recommendation-form/>

Please note that this recommendation form must be mailed separately from the student’s application. Thank you.

Your name _____

Name of school _____

Contact phone number or e-mail address _____

Please comment on this student’s overall academic and leadership potential.

PERSONAL RECOMMENDATION - Please assess the character of the candidate, as compared with other students of the same age at your school.

ACADEMIC RECOMMENDATION - Please assess the academic characteristics of the candidate, as compared with other students of the same age at your school.

The success of *Reach for Excellence* students depends heavily on the commitment and support of parents and guardians. Please share any thoughts you may have regarding this family's involvement with the applicant's education.

Signature _____ Date _____

Mathematics Teacher Recommendation



To the student applicant:

Write your full name below and give this form to your Mathematics teacher, along with a stamped envelope addressed to *Reach for Excellence*. **Your teacher will need to mail this recommendation separately from your application.**

To the parent: I hereby authorize my child’s Mathematics teacher to provide the information requested in the recommendation form below and to provide a copy of the completed recommendation form to *Reach for Excellence* to be used in connection with his/her application and/or participation in the *Reach for Excellence* program. I understand that the completed recommendation is confidential and will only be provided to the *Reach for Excellence* program and that I will not have access to the completed form.

PARENT/ GUARDIAN Signature and Date: _____

STUDENT NAME: _____

To the Mathematics teacher:

The student listed above has applied for admission to ***Reach for Excellence (RFE)***. Please take into consideration the following description of our program when evaluating this student’s past and potential performance.

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Please note that this recommendation form must be mailed separately from the student’s application. Thank you.

Your name _____

Name of school _____

Contact phone number or e-mail address _____

Please comment on this student’s overall academic and leadership potential.

PERSONAL RECOMMENDATION - Please assess the character of the candidate, as compared with other students of the same age at your school.

ACADEMIC RECOMMENDATION - Please assess the academic characteristics of the candidate, as compared with other students of the same age at your school.

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Signature _____ Date _____



REACH FOR EXCELLENCE FALL 2024
COMPLETED STUDENT APPLICATION CHECK LIST

1. **Application form including:**
 - **Student Data**
 - **Family Data**
 - **Family Commitment Agreement**
 - **Parent or Guardian Questionnaire**

2. **Financial Information Form for BOTH parents with a copy of 2022/2023 Federal Income Tax Return (1040) pages 1 and 2** . If parents are divorced or separated, please mail a copy of divorce/separation document.

3. **Teacher Recommendations** from Language Arts Teacher and Math Teacher are completed online at <https://reachforexcellence.org/teacher-recommendation-form/>

4. **Student Records Release Statement** partially filled out **by you**, the remainder is completed by a school staff member, then sent in an **official school envelope** by a school staff member to Reach for Excellence or emailed directly to lehmill@reachforexcellence.org

5. **A copy of your child Peachcare card or SNAP card or Reduced/ Free lunch card**

6. **Georgia Milestones or MAP scores** have been mailed to Dr Linda Lehmil.

lehmill@reachforexcellence.org OR lehmill@marist.com

Eligibility criteria

- To be a 5th grader
- To earn mainly A's in 4th and 5th grade (and a few B's)
- To have a minimum score of **70% in Reading, Verbal and Math in MAP** or **High Proficient in the Georgia Milestones Test**
- To meet the low-income requirement (both parents' 1040 documents must be submitted)

Acceptance Steps

1. Completed application with all the required documents are sent to Dr Linda Lehmil.
2. Selected students will be invited for an interview and a 2 hour test in May.
3. Results will be communicated to students and families by July 31st 2024.
4. If accepted in the program, your child will start Reach on August 24th 2024.