

THOMAS JEFFERSON HIGH SCHOOL FOR SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY
Student Information Sheet Instructions
for Applicants (Class of 2012)

The Mission Statement for Thomas Jefferson High School for Science and Technology (TJHSST) provides:

“The mission of Thomas Jefferson High School for Science and Technology is to provide students with a challenging learning environment focused on math, science, and technology, to inspire joy at the prospect of discovery, and to foster a culture of innovation based on ethical behavior and the shared interests of humanity.”

Please keep the TJHSST Mission Statement in mind, and follow the directions below carefully, as you complete your Student Information Sheet:

- As you consider the mission of TJHSST, please describe in the first two boxes **NO MORE** than your four most important academic and your four most important out-of-school or after-school activities, interests, or accomplishments from grades 6, 7, and/or 8 **ONLY**. Additional entries will not be considered by selection committees.
- **Provide details on all entries.** Do not just list your activities. Describe the interest, activity, or accomplishment; the role you play(ed) in it; and the number of hours/days per week you are/were engaged in the activity or interest. Give examples of what you are doing so that your interests, activities, or accomplishments are clear. **DETAILED INFORMATION IS IMPORTANT.**
- Your personal statement should be no longer than 250 words and should answer the question posed in the last box of the Information Sheet.
- Before you begin writing your personal statement, spend some time thinking about how you will answer the question posed and outline your thoughts before you write. You may want to look at the brochure you received with your application, *Information for Applicants*, or at the TJHSST website (www.tjhsst.edu) to help you organize your thoughts.

How to Complete the Student Information Sheet:

- The Student Information Sheet must be completed electronically online at www.TJAdmissions.org.
- You may not hand write or cut-and-paste entries onto the sheet. If you do not have access to a computer at home, contact the TJ Liaison Counselor at your school for assistance.
- The Information Sheet must be composed, written, and completed **SOLELY** by the student applicant. No one should write any part of this Information Sheet but you, the applicant.
- **Everything you write must fit into the boxes provided. DO NOT continue on the back of the page and DO NOT provide any attachments.**
- Once you have completed the form online, print out a copy (or copies), SIGN your completed sheet, and turn it in to the TJHSST Liaison Counselor at your middle school.
- If your school does not have a TJ liaison counselor, mail the Information Sheet to: TJHSST Admissions Office, Holmes Annex, 6525 Montrose Street, Alexandria, VA 22312. Make a copy of your sheet for your records.

Suggestions and Helpful Hints for Semifinalists, which contain helpful information regarding the second round of the TJHSST admissions process (with a particular focus on answering commonly-asked questions regarding teacher recommendations and the Student Information Sheet) are available on the admissions website (www.TJAdmissions.org) or through the TJHSST liaison counselor at your middle school.